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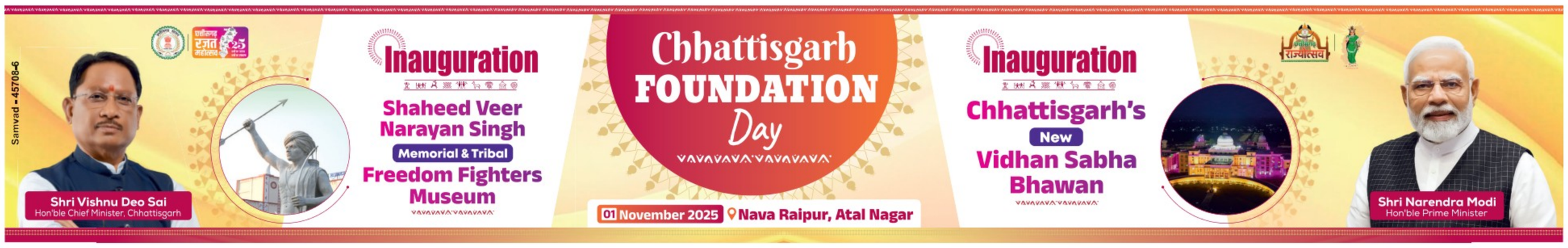

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India gets 6-month waiver for Iran port

U.S. relief on sanctions against Chabahar in force from Wednesday, says MEA; essential supplies to Afghanistan can now be sent through the port

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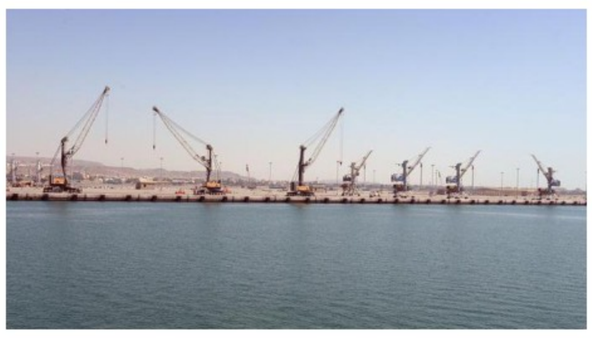
NEW DELHI



Major link: India has been associated with Chabahar port since 2005, when it entered into an agreement with Iran. GETTY IMAGES

India has received a waiver on the United States' sanctions against Iran's Chabahar port for six months, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal announced on Thursday. Officials said that the sanctions waiver had come into effect from October 29.

India has been associated with the Chabahar port at least since 2005, when it entered into an agreement with Iran to develop the port.

Both sides signed an MoU in 2015 to jointly develop the Shahid Beheshti Port at Chabahar in the hope that it would emerge as a major commercial hub helping India access the markets of Afghanistan, the Central Asian states, and Russia. The port's prospects came under a cloud due to Western sanctions against Iran, but in 2018, the first Trump administration gave a waiver to Indian operations at the Chabahar port as it was aimed at helping the development needs of the U.S.-backed Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

In September, the U.S. Department of State said that it would revoke the waiver for Indian operations that was offered by Donald Trump in 2018. The move exposed anyone associated with the Chabahar project to U.S. sanctions under the Iran Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act.

However, the latest U.S. decision means that supplies to Afghanistan, especially essential items like food grains and medical products, can still be sent through Chabahar.

Trump cuts tariffs on China after meeting Xi

Associated Press
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President Donald Trump described his face-to-face with Chinese leader Xi Jinping on Thursday as a roaring success, saying he would cut tariffs on China, while Beijing had agreed to allow the export of rare earth elements and start buying U.S. soybeans.

Mr. Trump said that the U.S. would lower tariffs implemented as punishment on China for its selling of chemicals used to make fentanyl from 20% to 10%. That brings the total combined tariff rate down from 57% to 47%. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said China agreed to purchase 25 million tonnes of U.S. soybeans annually for the next three years.

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Hostage crisis ends; 19 rescued, accused killed

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Mumbai Police rescued 19 hostages, including 17 children, from a Powai studio on Thursday after a 50-year-old man held them captive demanding "ethical conversations" with unnamed individuals.

Rohit Arya, who had called the children for web series auditions, released a video saying he had "moral questions" and wanted answers. He was shot during the rescue operation and later died in hospital. Mumbai Crime Branch has taken over the probe.

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HC stays probe in Dharmasthala mass burials case

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The High Court stayed the investigation based on the FIR registered in July on a complaint of alleged mass burial of bodies of sexually assaulted women in Dharmasthala based on a "voluntary" statement given by a person. » PAGE 8

BSWML traces, returns waste

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In an effort to eliminate blackspots in the city, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited began tracing and returning illegally dumped waste to the households, under the drive 'Kasa suriyuva habba', waste dumping festival. » PAGE 3

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It's time skipper Suryakumar let his bat do the talking

From being the most feared batter in the 20-over game, there has been a dramatic, alarming fall from grace; his knock in the first T20I against Australia in Canberra showed that he was back in breathtaking run-making mood

R. Kaushik

Suryakumar Yadav's last Twenty20 International half-century came more than a year ago, in his seventh game as India's full-fledged skipper. In 15 subsequent innings, he has topped 20 just three times, been dismissed before reaching 10 on eight occasions and failed to tickle the scorers thrice.

If this doesn't paint the picture of a captain in strife, nothing else will. For close to two years, the right-hander from Mumbai was the most feared batter in the 20-over game, seemingly possessing more than one stroke to each delivery, taking on the bowling with no compunctions, 'expressing' himself with a flair and authority that comes only to a very few. But since then, there has been a dramatic, alarming fall from grace; the 35-year-old is now placed only eighth in the ICC rankings for T20I batters, the top slot he once occupied unchallenged now held by his intrepid young opening colleague, Abhishek Sharma.

As recently as a month back, a couple of hours after leading India to the T20 Asia Cup crown, Suryakumar wished away concerns about his slump. "I am not out of form, I am just out of runs," the captain insisted. A nice line that, backed up by his assertion that so long as he knew what he was doing and so long as he was following his processes, he didn't need to worry about the returns.

For all his obvious nonchalance, he must have felt the pinch. In the T20 firmament, he was succeeding Rohit Sharma, the tone-setter whose aggressive starts in the PowerPlay often decided matches in their infancy. Rohit was a wonderful role model in that he didn't ask of his teammates what he wouldn't do himself. Once he identified a no-holds-barred approach as the way to go in both limited-overs configurations, he took it upon himself to translate into deeds the words he had espoused in the changing room. The assiduous accumulator of the past, him with three ODI double-hundreds, gave way to an ultra-attacking batter who thought little of taking calculated risks with the field restrictions in place.

Because the leader put his money where his mouth was, the rest needed no goading to fall in line. Suryakumar himself was one of the prime beneficiaries of the backing and the support of the management group, which was happy to overlook failures in the pursuit of adhering to team plans.

Having inherited (some might say unexpectedly) a World Cup-winning unit from Rohit, who retired from T20Is immediately after receiving the trophy in Bridgetown in June last year, Suryakumar's brief was clear - to carry that brand of play forward while infusing his own ideologies, in conjunction with new head coach Gautam Gambhir. Unlike the 50-over World Cup which comes around every four years, its younger and shorter sibling is a biennial event, so the plans for the next extravaganza had to be worked out post-haste. Adding to the drama was the fact that the tournament would be staged in India (mainly) and Sri Lanka, which means India will be tasked with defending the crown in their own backyard.

A seismic shift in personnel was necessitated by the retirements of Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja too after the last World Cup. In one fell swoop, India lost plenty of experience and wisdom, but if there is one format where these attributes are a little more expendable, it is the abridged one.

There is no shortage of international experience in the current side - Suryakumar himself, Hardik Pandya (who was Rohit's deputy at the World Cup but eventually lost the captaincy race), potentially Rishabh Pant, Sanju Samson, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Shivam Dube, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh. By the time of the World Cup, joining that list will be Shubman Gill, Suryakumar's designated vice-captain, his opening partner Abhishek, the precocious Tilak Varma and Varun Chakaravarthy.

Strong core

This was the core group that facilitated India's triumphant, all-win march to the Asia Cup in Dubai and Abu Dhabi last month, this is the core group that will lead India's charge at the World Cup next year. There are bound to be a couple of omissions due to form and fitness, a couple of additions owing to the former more than the latter. It's a formidable unit, as evidenced by results over the last several months in a format that doesn't always encourage consistency. Therefore, for more reasons than one, Suryakumar must be feeling the pressing need to pull his weight, to string together the kind of scores that once made him owner's pride and neighbour's envy.

India pride themselves on having a flexible, floating batting order beyond the openers. They also have shown a certain obsession with having a left-right combination together at the crease for as long as possible. The presence of accomplished left-handers Abhishek, Tilak, Dube, Axar, Washington Sundar and Rinku Singh has supplemented the right-handed complement of Gill, Suryakumar, Samson and Pandya, with Nitish Kumar Reddy (more injured than available in recent times) throwing up another interesting, exciting option when he is not in the infirmary.

But it won't be the worst idea, both from an individual and a team perspective, for the skipper to make the No. 3 position his own for the time being, at least, so that he can control the innings, maybe take a few deliveries at the start if needed, and then open out. Suryakumar doesn't need seven fielders in the ring to strike at 150 runs per 100 deliveries faced; he is a fabulous amalgam of power and placement, of force and timing, and has the uncanny knack of finding even the tiniest of gaps. Some of his strokes defy not just words but also imagination, such as the pick-up shot from outside off that can go anywhere between mid-wicket and fine-leg. But as the last year has shown, Suryakumar too is only human, and at least for now, a buttoned-down batting berth could be the way for him to find the runs that his touch deserves.

Perhaps the think-tank too is aligned to that line of thinking, because in Canberra on Wednesday in the first of five matches against Australia, he walked out at No. 3, at the fall of Abhishek's wicket, to join Gill. In normal course, India would have injected the left-handed Tilak into the mix to replace a left-hander; Tilak is a wonderfully composed, creative and correct batter whose situational and game awareness is second to none, as he exemplified during a tense run-chase in the Asia Cup final against Pakistan. His title-clinching unbeaten 69, after India slumped to 20 for three in pursuit of 147, was as impeccable a knock under immense pressure as one can hope for.

Tilak had asked for and been given Suryakumar's No. 3 slot during the tour of South Africa last November, and he justified his request with back-to-back centuries. But maybe now, given his recent travails, Suryakumar should pull rank and continue to bat at one-down because that is in both his and his team's best interests.

Good signs

Before the rain cruelly intervened, there were signs in Canberra that Suryakumar was back in breathtaking run-making mood. There was a trademark whip-flick fourth ball, from Josh Hazlewood, that screamed over square-leg for six, a delivery after being opened up and comprehensively beaten by the outstanding Aussie quick. After the first rain break, there was a crunchy sweep against left-arm spinner Matt Kuhnemann, and three glorious boundaries in as many legal deliveries from Nathan Ellis before the final rain stoppage - an upper-cut and a drive over mid-off, both for fours, followed by a disdainful swing over mid-wicket for six. It was exhilarating, it was long overdue, it was lapped up with glee by another predominantly pro-Indian audience that made it seem like yet another home game for the men in blue.

The entertainment was rudely cut short by the elements, but the gauntlet has been thrown down. The Suryakumar that was slightly tentative and found ways and means of courting disaster in the Emirates wasn't on view; instead, it was the vintage version fans have come to know and love. As the runs mounted, the swag returned and one could almost feel the mood lift in the dugout. Suryakumar's final tally read 39 off 24, three fours and two sixes. Impressive, but not impressive as the manner in which he got there. The signs are promising, Australia have been forewarned.

Suryakumar has proved an able successor to Rohit when it comes to stacking up victories. Wednesday's no-show dented his record slightly - he has now led the country to 23 wins in 30 matches as leader, first in a stand-in capacity and now on his own steam in the last 15 months - but only slightly. With the World Cup just a few months away, the emphasis will be less on the results and more on greater role-clarity and ironing out the inevitable creases, but in a result-driven setup such as Indian cricket, it is impossible to plan for the future alone at the expense of immediate outcomes.

India now have 14 more matches before they embark on the defence of the World Cup - four in Australia, and 10 against South Africa and New Zealand at home, which in all considered ways is the ideal lead-in to the mega bash. Suryakumar has already left an indelible imprint on *his* team in the last year and a quarter, but the greatest of challenges lies ahead.

Only a handful of Indians have had the privilege of leading the country in a World Cup in their own backyard - Kapil Dev, Mohammad Azharuddin, Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Rohit - and Dhoni apart, no one else has been able to take the team all the way. Ahead of Suryakumar is a glorious opening to emulate the charismatic Jharkhandi and wend his way into the World Cup pantheon. For that to eventuate, his bat must possess the loudest voice. No one knows it better than Suryakumar himself.

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Cabinet approves ₹2,141 cr. for infrastructure upgrade and ₹1,241 crore for roads

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The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

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The Karnataka Cabinet on Thursday approved infrastructure projects worth ₹2,141.57 crore, which include asphalting arterial, sub-arterial, and major ward roads, as well as improving drains in Bengaluru. The project also covers the development of parks and other essential civic infrastructure.

The Cabinet cleared works under two separate initiatives – asphalting arterial and sub-arterial roads worth ₹1,241.57 crore under the Special Infrastructure Project (SIP) and ward development, and infrastructure works worth ₹900 crore under the Chief Minister's Infrastructure Development Programme (CMIDP).

The SIP projects will not only include asphalting but also resurfacing, drain improvement, and footpath works. The approval comes amid sustained outrage over the city's deteriorating civic infrastructure.

Under the CMIDP, the projects will also cover the development of parks, burial grounds, markets, schools, samudhaya bhavanas (community halls), and the construction of multipurpose buildings. Funds will also be allocated to build new ward offices for all five city corporations.

At the first Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) meeting held on October 10, Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao directed newly appointed corporation Commissioners to prepare an action plan for road infrastructure and ward development. Following this, Commissioners identified specific works not covered under any other ongoing projects and submitted proposals stating that all works would follow Indian Roads Congress and Road Manual guidelines.

Upon examining the proposal, the Finance Department observed that allocating ₹1,242 crore for arterial and sub-arterial road development would reduce the financial envelope for white-topping and buffer roads over the next three years. The department granted approval subject to a corresponding reduction in commitments toward those projects.

For ward-level works, the Finance Department directed that a committee headed by the GBA Chief Commissioner be formed to monitor progress.

In its approval note, the government stated that these projects are essential to provide better infrastructure for citizens, attract new investments and companies to the city, and retain existing businesses in Bengaluru.

Crackdown on private buses: Transport Dept. books 380 cases and seizes 63 vehicles

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In the wake of the recent Kurnool bus fire tragedy, the Karnataka Transport Department has launched an inspection drive against private buses in Bengaluru.

As part of the week-long operation, officials have booked 380 cases and seized 63 vehicles for violating safety and tax norms.

The inspection, conducted between October 24 and 30, involved 12 dedicated enforcement teams checking private buses in Attibele and Devanahalli, key entry points to Bengaluru.

The teams examined whether the vehicles had proper emergency exits, fire extinguishers, and first-aid kits, while also verifying the State road tax payments and permit compliance.

Safety of passengers

A senior Transport Department official said the checks were intensified following the Kurnool tragedy, which underscored the importance of passenger safety.

The incident has shown how crucial it was to ensure that every bus on the road was equipped with emergency exits and fire safety tools. Passenger safety is non-negotiable, and our department would continue to act strictly against violators, the official said. During the drive, several private buses holding All India Tourist Permits were found violating permit conditions by operating as stage carriages. Such operators were also booked for non-payment of State road tax, according to the officials.

A Transport Department officer inspecting a private bus at Attibele and Devanahalli in Bengaluru, as part of a week-long drive that was launched in the wake of the recent Kurnool bus fire accident.
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Awareness campaign

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The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has taken additional steps to enhance safety. Following the Kurnool incident, the KSRTC has started public announcements and awareness campaigns through Digital Information Displays at major bus stations. The videos warn passengers against carrying flammable and banned items like firecrackers, diesel, or gas cylinders inside buses.

It has recently also launched a comprehensive safety audit of its fleet. Depot-level teams have begun inspecting buses for compliance with fire safety standards, focusing on emergency exits, fire extinguishers, and first-aid kits.

File affidavit on modus of seat allotment: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday directed the Executive Director of the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) to file an affidavit by October 31 explaining the modus of allotment of seats based on which the provisional allotment of seats was published on October 24 in the third round of counselling for medical and dental courses.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Jayant Banerji and Justice K.V. Aravind issued the interim order on petitions filed by Chandana M. Chavan and several other students.

The petitioner students alleged that less meritorious students, based on their NEET rank, were allotted seats in the provisional list announced for the third round due to the procedure and the criteria adopted for allotment of seats in the third round of counselling without declaring such procedure and criteria in the admission Information Bulletin-2025.

Earlier, advocate N.K. Ramesh, appearing for the KEA, pointed out that the procedure adopted by the KEA this year was similar to that the previous year.

While continuing the earlier interim order of directing KEA not to finalise the provisional allotment list till further order, the Bench adjourned further hearing on the petition till October 31.

'Education technology does not fix inequalities'

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BENGALURU

By simply layering technology onto existing inequalities, we cannot bridge the gaps in the education system, said Jian Xi Teng, Programme Specialist (Education) for South Asia. He was speaking at 'Our Digital Futures Fest', organised by IT for Change, a Bengaluru-based NGO.

Jian Xi Teng

"Evidence continues to show that education technology does not fix inequalities. When we are talking about equity, adding this requirement of education technology is going to exacerbate inequalities. There is a digital divide, and it is not an input-only divide, but also a skill divide and a social divide. By layering technology onto these inequalities, we are not going to bridge the gap," he said.

'Intentional use of tech'

According to Mr. Teng, intentional use of technology is critical in achieving the desired advantages that edtech claim to facilitate.

Citing the example of IGNOU, he pointed out how it has documented 45% representation from students in rural areas and 18% representation from students of SC and ST communities each.

"So, there are examples where intentional use of online learning can give opportunities to those who historically have had limited access to learning opportunities. The IGNOU also is not pure online learning. There's a whole infrastructure of centres, examination, and assessment," he highlighted.

A teacher to a teacher

The event also saw panel sessions where experts discussed edtech in practice.

Chitkala B.C. of Sikshana Foundation opined that one aspect of equity was students having direct access to content and information being made available through technology to students is one of the major developments in the century.

"As far as the teacher's learning and development is concerned, technology definitely helps because once we are a teacher, we have very few people to go to, to further learn and improve our skills and knowledge systems. On our phones and tablets, we have a teacher at hand to the teacher," she said.

Varun Garg of EkStep noted that one of the biggest challenges he has observed is the overloading of the teacher, who has to not only cover the syllabus within a fixed time but also handle multiple other things, including administrative duties, midday meals, and so on. EkStep has developmed AXL (Assisted Language and Math Learning) which is an AI-powered and teacher-supported initiative that helps children read.

'Equitable education'

Gowri Mahesh of Learning Matters wondered if there was even an opportunity for a teacher to be able to personalise the content or the delivery in the classroom. "When we talk about equitable education, we are now coming to a stage where we have free schools, free textbooks, and enrollment is happening in government schools. Access is there from that point of view. What we need to focus on is how we can drive better learning outcomes," she said.

Engg. student stabbed to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 20-year-old engineering student was stabbed to death by his friend allegedly for exposing a theft. The deceased Rahul G. D. was a fifth semester Computer Science engineering student at a private college.

Rahul was friends with Preetham, 19, who works as an office boy at a private firm. The duo used to visit each other's houses regularly. Preetam's mother Leela lost her gold chain and when she asked her son, he reportedly pointed fingers at Rahul.

Jewellery stolen

However, Rahul reported to Leela that he saw the gold chain in Preetam's bag and that he had allegedly stolen it to buy a bike.

Enraged by this, Preetham had a heated argument with Rahul and stabbed him multiple times with a cutter in a fit of rage and fled the scene. Passers-by found Rahul bleeding with multiple injuries, and rushed him to a nearby private hospital where he succumbed later.

Based on a complaint, the Konanakunte police have registered a case of murder and arrested Preetham for further questioning.

Somanna inspects coaching depot

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna on Thursday inspected the Yeshwantpur Coaching Depot and reviewed its maintenance and cleanliness operations.

During the visit, the Minister took stock of the various facilities available at the depot and assessed its overall performance under the ongoing Special Cleanliness Campaign.

The Yeshwantpur Coaching Depot, one of the key maintenance units under South Western Railway, currently maintains 41 rakes and 909 coaches.

He also visited the depot garden, where a striking 11-foot-tall horse sculpture made entirely from scrap materials has been created by the Railways.

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Shorter, simpler breast cancer treatment: where evidence meets practice

Studies show that injection-based delivery of HER2 drugs matches IV infusions in safety and efficacy — while saving time for patients and hospitals alike; even as the benefits of subcutaneous therapy are well established in major hospitals, experts say that access remains uneven across India's mixed healthcare system.

Anirban Mukhopadhyay

When Vrinda Thakker was diagnosed with metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer in December 2021, her doctors postponed surgery and began targeted therapy the next month – an intravenous combination of trastuzumab and pertuzumab, the standard regimen for this form of disease. The drugs were delivered through a chemoport, a small device implanted under the skin to allow repeated infusions directly into a central vein.

"Each session took a couple of hours, including the time to flush the line so it wouldn't block," she said. The routine was repetitive and time-consuming, and even a single cycle meant hours at the hospital.

After several months, she discussed switching to a subcutaneous option with her oncologist, in which the same drugs are injected under the skin rather than through an intravenous line.

"A subcutaneous injection can be painful at first because about 10 millilitres of the drug are given under the skin of the thigh," said another patient, who also opted for the subcutaneous method, describing the difference between the two treatment modes. "But the whole process takes only two or three minutes. Once you're used to it, you walk in, take the injection, and leave." She added that the switch also eliminates risks linked to chemoports, such as infections or blood clots, and replaces a four-hour infusion with a five-minute injection.

These experiences reflect a broader shift in oncology: replacing long intravenous infusions with shorter subcutaneous delivery that maintains the same therapeutic outcomes while reducing time in hospital.

Shining the spotlight: People taking part in a breast cancer awareness rally organised by a hospital in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is observed annually in October. PTI

Science behind the switch

Trastuzumab, a monoclonal antibody that targets the HER2 receptor, has been a mainstay of treatment for HER2-positive breast cancer for more than two decades. Traditionally, it is given intravenously every three weeks, often with pertuzumab – a schedule that is effective but time-intensive for patients and oncology units.

A subcutaneous formulation of trastuzumab was developed using recombinant human hyaluronidase (rHuPH20), which temporarily breaks down hyaluronan in the tissue, allowing large molecules to be absorbed through the skin. Clinical studies such as the HannaH and FeDeriCa trials showed that fixed-dose subcutaneous trastuzumab, alone or combined with pertuzumab, matched intravenous infusion in safety, efficacy, and drug absorption.

A time-and-motion substudy from the ADEPT trial found that subcutaneous dosing cut the time patients spent in the treatment chair by about an hour, and pharmacy preparation by a little over an hour.

The fixed-dose combination of pertuzumab and trastuzumab, marketed as PHESGO, delivers both antibodies together in a single subcutaneous injection.

In India, the first real-world report on PHESGO showed similar outcomes across early and metastatic disease. Most patients reported fewer hospital visits and preferred the subcutaneous route, citing comfort and convenience.

While these data establish the clinical equivalence of the two delivery routes, the practical difference becomes clearer when seen in how much time patients actually spend in hospital.

Why shorter treatments

The time needed for drug preparation and administration has long shaped the experience of breast cancer therapy. In the *ADEPT* study, the mean time in the treatment chair fell from about 85 minutes with intravenous administration to around 20 minutes with subcutaneous dosing. Total hospital time, including waiting and observation, was shorter by nearly 80 minutes.

Meenu Walia, a senior oncologist at Max Super Specialty Hospital, Patparganj, said the time factor affects patients and families in direct ways. "Between travel, waiting, and the procedure itself, it's almost a full-day commitment," she said. "Long hours at the hospital can be especially hard for daily-wage earners or elderly caregivers. Any approach that shortens that time makes a tangible difference."

Shona Nag, a cancer specialist at Sahyadri Group of Hospitals, Pune, who led the Indian PHESGO study, said the time saving is especially meaningful for women balancing work or care giving responsibilities.

The hospital side

On the hospital side, shorter sessions are changing how oncology units schedule and staff treatment days.

Niti Raizada, principal director of medical oncology at Fortis Cancer Institute, Bengaluru, said that subcutaneous delivery had streamlined patient flow. "When procedures take less time, we can manage more cases efficiently without crowding our infusion units," she said. "Subcutaneous fixed-dose therapies require less loading and preparation time, saving time not only for patients, but for hospital staff too. It's one of the few innovations that improves efficiency without losing the human element of care."

For oncologists, shorter and simpler treatment modes are not just about efficiency – they change how patients experience care

Raja T., senior consultant at Apollo Hospitals, Chennai, noted that this trend fits into a wider evolution of cancer treatment toward minimally invasive, less intrusive approaches. "When it comes to medicines, we are looking at how we can avoid too much intravenous medication – whether we can treat patients with under-the-skin subcutaneous medicines and tablets – making the whole journey easy and comfortable so that they can go back home or to work as soon as possible," he said.

Uneven access

While the benefits of subcutaneous therapy are well established in major hospitals, experts say that access remains uneven across India's mixed healthcare system. Dr. Raja said that facilities and staff training vary widely. "In major cities, good hospitals and infrastructure are available. Then you move to Tier 2 towns and smaller areas where such high-tech care is not available." He added that patients from smaller towns often have to travel repeatedly to larger centres for months of therapy. "They have to stay near the hospital – that's a big challenge," he said. "Insurance and employer support have helped many, but not everyone benefits equally."

Dr. Raja also noted that public hospitals face high patient volumes, which can make it difficult to introduce newer delivery modes that need specific handling and training. "Government hospitals are doing an excellent job," he said, "but the sheer numbers they see make it difficult to provide that kind of care to everyone."

Experts said broader adoption in public hospitals would depend on drug availability, staff training, and inclusion in government oncology programmes.

More time for life

For oncologists, shorter and simpler treatment modes are not just about efficiency – they change how patients experience care.

Dr. Nag said the traditional infusion process can be physically and emotionally draining. "The long time they spend in the hospital – the indignity of being pricked several times, the discomfort of hours of hospitalisation, and the long wait after the infusion for observation – all interfere with their daily routine, especially if they have young children or are working women," she said. "When it is subcutaneous, they are in and out of hospital – no IV pricks – done very quickly." She added that being able to continue treatment outside hospitals helped during the pandemic. "During COVID, we were able to continue these subcutaneous sessions at the home of the patient so they could complete their treatment," she said.

Ms. Thakker is continuing her treatment. She encourages anyone who is starting or undergoing treatment to seek out the subcutaneous route, adding that it costs less than IV in her experience.

Other small measures also play a part. "When we offer treatment to women, hair loss is an issue. Now, we have things to protect the hair, such as scalp cooling devices. We also use precision surgery, radiation, and medications with fewer side effects," Dr. Raja said.

The ultimate goal is not just treating the disease, but making the process less intrusive and more comfortable for patients.

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THE GIST

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BIG SHOT

A health worker handing over medicines to a boy at a shelter camp at Gilakaladindi, near Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday. Several people were shifted to camps in view of the Cyclone Montha. K.V.S GIRI

How advances in screening, stenting techniques have made it possible to prevent many strokes

WORLD STROKE DAY

Athira Elssa Johnson

Every October 29, World Stroke Day serves as a reminder that stroke is both a medical emergency and, in many cases, a preventable one. While most awareness efforts focus on the "golden hour" after a stroke – the crucial first few hours for treatment – doctors now say the real focus should be before the major event occurs. Advances in imaging, screening, and stenting techniques have made it possible to prevent many strokes long before they strike.

Stenting can help in stroke prevention and treatment by restoring blood flow to the brain.

Early signals

"Nearly 80% of strokes are preventable," says Pradeep Balaji, senior consultant neurosurgeon, Iswarya Hospital, Chennai. "But we often miss the warning phase – the days or weeks when the brain gives early signals in the form of transient weakness, speech issues, or vision loss."

These warning episodes, called Transient Ischemic Attacks (TIAs) or "mini strokes," are temporary but serious. Specialists stress that a TIA should be treated as a full-blown emergency. "Evaluation should be done immediately, ideally within 24 hours," says Prabash Prabhakaran, director and senior consultant, neurology, SIMS Hospital, Chennai. "The earlier we find the blockage, the better our chances of preventing a bigger stroke."

"Just as cholesterol deposits can narrow the arteries of the heart, they can also affect the vessels supplying the brain," explains Srinivasan Paramasivam, senior consultant neurosurgeon and head of neuro-endovascular Surgery, Apollo Hospitals, Chennai. "If the narrowing is mild, we manage it with medicines. But when it crosses 70% or causes neurological symptoms, we treat it with a stent or surgery.

Shrivarthan R., consultant Neurologist at MGM Healthcare, Chennai, adds that intervention is typically considered when there's more than 50% narrowing. "Every patient first needs lifestyle modification, blood pressure and sugar control, and antiplatelet therapy. If a significant block remains, we choose between surgery or stenting depending on the patient's condition and vessel anatomy." A brain stent is a tiny mesh tube that keeps narrowed or blocked arteries open, restoring blood flow to oxygen-starved regions.

"These procedures are done to prevent a major stroke before it happens – what we call secondary prevention," says Dr. Srinivasan. "They're performed once we detect early signs of reduced blood supply or small transient attacks."

Modern neuroimaging has transformed stroke diagnosis and prevention. Routine screening for everyone, doctors say, might not be cost-effective. But identifying and monitoring high-risk individuals can make a difference.

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BSWML traces and returns waste to households that illegally dumped it

'190 households across the city have been identified, and the waste they discarded was returned to them on Thursday'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In an effort to eliminate blackspots in the city, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) began tracing and returning illegally dumped waste to the households, under the drive 'Kasa suriyuva habba', waste dumping festival.

Karee Gowda, Chief Executive Officer of BSWML, told *The Hindu* that 218 households across the city had been identified, and the waste they had discarded was returned to them on Thursday as part of an awareness and enforcement campaign.

Although the exercise was a pilot initiative, Mr. Gowda said the drive would continue once every week.

Habitual offenders are being fined between ₹500 and ₹5,000, depending on the frequency of violations, location, and amount of waste dumped. The BSWML collected ₹2.8 lakh in fines from the offenders on Thursday.

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Marshals deployed

According to the BSWML, marshals were deployed and instructed to record habitual waste dumpers on video in areas with persistent blackspot issues. Based on these videos, officials identified and categorised offenders according to the frequency of their actions. The repeat offenders were then traced, and the waste they had dumped was returned to their households under official supervision. "It was observed that some citizens dump garbage late at night on roads or empty plots. To sensitise such individuals, waste was intentionally placed in front of their houses," the BSWML said in a statement released on Friday.

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Video evidence

Mr. Gowda said the use of video evidence by marshals was to ensure proof while returning the waste. The agency will now accept videos from the public as well to strengthen enforcement and improve accountability. Citizens can send a message with a photograph or video of the issue to register a complaint on WhatsApp number 9448197197.

Criticism

The waste management agency will also review CCTV footage of repeat offenders wherever available. It has already been tracing vehicles and levying fines on individuals who illegally dump waste.

While many residents have expressed support for the initiative, it has also drawn criticism. A resident of Ejipura in southeast Bengaluru said that irregular waste collection in her area leads to garbage pile up. "I live with my colleague. We both leave home around 7.30 a.m. On some days, the waste collection vehicle arrives at 7 a.m., but other days, it comes around 8.30 a.m., when we're already gone," she said, adding that people are left with no option but to dump waste by the roadside.

Swachh rankings

The campaign follows sharp criticism of the agency for failing to curb blackspots and poor enforcement. The BSWML also came under government scrutiny after the city's poor performance in this year's Swachh Survekshan rankings.

Single-use plastic

Since taking charge, Mr. Gowda has launched several initiatives, starting with strict enforcement against single-use plastic. The agency has begun removing discarded furniture from roads and footpaths. Additionally, it has installed a waste kiosk in Koramangala and plans to expand the initiative soon adding 65 more kiosks.

Cabinet clears ₹1.50 crore per acre land deal for ISWML

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Thursday approved the acquisition of 60 acres and 6 guntas of land belonging to Terra Pharma Biotechnologies Limited at a rate of ₹1.50 crore per acre for the establishment of Integrated Solid Waste Management Limited (ISWML). The notified private land is located at Gundalahalli, near Doddabelavangala, in Doddaballapura.

Compensation to the private company will be provided under the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

The Finance Department has cautioned that fixing the rate at ₹1.50 crore per acre could set a new minimum benchmark for land transactions across the Bengaluru Rural district, irrespective of actual site conditions.

This, the department warned, could effectively drive up public expenditure for all future government projects in the region.

NMIT celebrates silver jubilee

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology marked its Silver Jubilee on Thursday with a celebration inaugurated by Shashi Shekar Vempati, chairperson of the Apex Committee for S&T Communication, Department of Science and Technology, and co-founder of DeepTech for Bharat Foundation.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Number of civilians who have fled Sudan since Sunday

36 In thousand. Thousands of civilians have fled the city since Sunday, when the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) captured the army's last stronghold in the Darfur region, triggering warnings from the UN and humanitarian groups of possible mass killings and ethnic cleansing. AFP

The share of women in Sri Lanka's population in 2024

51 In per cent. Women constitute over half of Sri Lanka's 21.7 million population, according to the results of the 2024 Census of Population and Housing. On the ethnic composition, 74.1% of the population are Sinhalese, 12.3% Sri Lankan Tamils, 10.5% Muslim, and 2.8% Indian-origin Tamil. PTI

Number of people shifted to shelter homes in Warangal

2,000 Following heavy rains that lashed different parts of Telangana on October 29 due to the impact of the cyclonic storm 'Montha', flood shelter homes have been arranged in nine places in Warangal and four places in Hanamkonda. PTI

Estimated amount of damage caused by Cyclone Montha

603 In $ million. A severe cyclone that battered India's eastern coast this week caused damage estimated at nearly ₹53 billion ($603 million), as farms, roads and buildings were flooded in the State of Andhra Pradesh, authorities said on Thursday. REUTERS

Number of BJP leaders who joined Jharkhand Mukti Morcha

5 Barely a few hours later, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State headquarters issued a statement to the media about the expulsion of the five leaders for "anti-party activities". The expulsion order was signed by State general secretary Manoj Kumar Singh. PTI

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What will power AI data centres?

How much energy and electricity do AI data centres use when compared to traditional enterprise servers? Why are such data centres being pushed towards low-carbon energy sources? Are Small Modular Reactors safe? What are its advantages?

EXPLAINER

Kalyan Mangalapalli

The story so far:
For the past two decades, India's electricity demand growth rates remained relatively flat at around 5%. While energy and electricity demands have been traditionally managed through forward planning, the rollout of data centres, Electric Vehicles (EVs), green hydrogen and 5G/Internet-of-Things (IoT) programmes are key drivers which will steadily increase electricity consumption.

Why does India need data centres?
The demand for data centres in India is being driven by the need for data storage given the government's Digital India and data localisation policies, increased data consumption, and 5G roll-out which is expected to enable adoption of data intensive technologies such as IoTs and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Although India boasts of 2x internet users than Europe, it lags on the data centre capacity front (1.4 GW versus 10GW). However, as data privacy rules come into effect and AI adoption grows, India's data centre capacity might grow by two to three times in the near term (2027) and over five-fold in the long term (2030), based on a low buildout and an aggressive buildout scenario, respectively (including large AI infrastructure).

How much power is required?
The energy consumption of AI data centres is monumental and presents a critical challenge. These facilities are not just large storage units; they are computational powerhouses utilising Graphic Processing Units (GPUs) with individual racks consuming 80-150 KW compared to 15-20 KW for traditional enterprise servers. This computational intensity drives an insatiable demand for electricity, making AI the most significant driver of increased energy consumption within the data centre sector. Projections indicate that global electricity generation for data centres could surge from 460 terawatt-hours (TWh) in 2024 to over 1,000 TWh by 2030, reaching 1,300 TWh in 2035. A good example would be China, which is witnessing a 25% year-on-year growth with respect to base load electricity due to Generative AI and Large Language Model (LLM) usage. China's data centres' power consumption could reach 400+ billion kWh in 2025 (~4% of total power consumption), with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 18% in 2023-2030, much earlier than the original forecast of reaching 400 billion kWh only in 2030.

Another example is from the Dominion service territory in Virginia, U.S. which has total electricity demand and peak demand growth rates projected to exceed 25% within the next five years, due to the GW-scale data centres it hosts.

Where are data centres being built?
The U.S. leads with 51% of the global data centre capacity in Texas, Wisconsin, Northern Virginia, Phoenix, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Other countries planning such AI infrastructure include China, Norway, the U.K., Germany, Japan and Malaysia. In India, Visakhapatnam and Jamnagar have recently been chosen by Google and Reliance Industries respectively for their GW-scale AI data centre ambitions.

Companies such as Yotta, AdaniConneX, Sify and CtrlS are also planning AI data centres in Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, and Hyderabad. The Indian government's "IndiaAI mission" and substantial private investments are further accelerating this expansion, highlighting a national commitment to fostering a thriving AI ecosystem.

The future: Superclusters of data centres under construction in Texas, U.S., on September 23. REUTERS

What are the power sources?
The push by AI data centres towards low-carbon energy sources is driven by corporate decarbonisation targets, soaring energy demands, and increasing pressure from regulators and investors. As AI workloads rapidly increase, major tech companies are investing in diverse renewable energy strategies and new technologies to meet climate goals.

Current power mixes rely on multiple sources – intermittent renewables with developing storage solutions, onsite green hydrogen and natural gas for grid reliability, and emerging alternatives like geothermal energy and nuclear fusion. Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) represent another source of low carbon that has caught the attention of Big Tech companies. SMRs provide crucial benefits such as flexible sizing in the range of 1 MW to 300+ MW; factory manufacturing capability for cost savings; passive safety enhancements; and 24/7 stable baseload power production. Around $15.4 billion has been invested in SMR development worldwide – $10 billion (public funding) and $5.4 billion from private investment.

While legacy challenges like safety, waste disposal and regulatory hurdles persist, the evolving public perception of SMRs is becoming more favourable, especially with technological advancements enhancing safety. Moreover, SMRs do not need expensive transmission infrastructure as it is positioned close to consumption hubs. AI data centres across the world are urgently looking to secure reliable baseload power for its own centres as utilities might not have the budget to create the necessary infrastructure by the 2030 timeframe.

How can India capitalise on SMRs?
India's 2025 budget initiated the Nuclear Energy Mission with a ₹20,000 crore ($2.4 billion) outlay with the aim to reach 100 GW of nuclear capacity by 2047, and putting at least five indigenously manufactured SMRs into operation by 2033. The current development includes Bhabha Atomic Research Centre's BSMR-200 pressurised heavy water reactor with slightly enriched uranium fuel and a variant of 55 MW for remote areas in isolated mode.

India's approach rests on complete reforms. The government is planning to introduce amendments to the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010 to draw in around $26 billion worth of private investment and bring India in line with international legal provisions. India must leverage SMR technology transfer agreements with Holtec International USA and other international partners to position its technology for domestic as well as international opportunities. State governments can assist with identifying and pre-approving existing coal sites and green hydrogen hubs for nuclear projects; investing in demonstration projects; facilitating land acquisition; offering training for regulators; and helping to re-skill the coal workforce. Additionally, collaborations between nuclear SMR vendors, AI data centre players, and renewable energy companies could unlock large-scale opportunities.

How do SMRs enhance safety?
SMR designs incorporate advanced safety features aiming for performance comparable to or better than existing reactor designs. Modern SMRs rely heavily on inherent and passive safety systems requiring fewer external electricity sources and reduced human intervention. These passive systems ensure SMRs provide secure, reliable, and sustainable energy. The inherent design characteristics lead to reduced likelihood of core-damaging accidents, and reduced consequences, if accidents do occur, due to less radioactivity and thermal energy. The smaller size simplifies safety measures during emergencies.

SMR designs leverage several advantages: smaller reactor cores with smaller quantities of nuclear material; passive safety features like natural convection enabling automated shutdown; accident-tolerant fuels maintaining structural integrity at higher temperatures; longer event sequences (hours or days) providing extra time for mitigation; and the combination of lower nuclear material quantities and passive features leading to smaller offsite emergency planning zones.

What about SMR regulation?
The business case depends heavily on responsive regulatory environments, but regulators face challenges with licensing processes originally developed for larger light-water reactors. Existing regulations often don't apply to advanced technologies proposed for new SMRs, necessitating new regulations. However, such regulatory processes are typically time-consuming, expensive, and opaque. A specific concern is how regulatory bodies will handle design iteration after initial certification.

Global SMR regulatory reforms focus on six key areas – (1) technology-neutral frameworks replacing large reactor-specific rules; (2) streamlined licensing including fleet approvals and combined construction-operating licences; (3) modular manufacturing accommodation with factory fabrication certification; (4) international harmonisation through International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) standards and mutual design recognition; (5) risk-informed requirements adjusting emergency planning zones and staffing proportional to smaller facility risks; and (6) accelerated deployment pathways for follow-on units. The U.S. ADVANCE Act (2024), Canada's Vendor Design Review, and the U.K.'s regulatory sandbox exemplify these reforms, with most jurisdictions targeting framework completion by 2026 and first commercial deployment by 2030.

Moreover, international cooperation is essential for timely deployment of safe and secure SMRs. The IAEA offers comprehensive support through its platform on Small Modular Reactors and their Applications. The Nuclear Harmonization and Standardization Initiative (NHSI) facilitates safe and secure development by promoting regulatory harmonisation. The IAEA hosts the SMR Regulators' Forum for sharing experiences and best practices among regulatory authorities worldwide. The Safeguards by Design Programme helps stakeholders make informed design choices incorporating international safeguards while optimising economic, operational, safety, and security factors.

What are the concerns related to transportation and waste of SMRs?
New regulatory approaches are needed for SMR transportation and waste streams. Since SMRs are factory-fabricated and transported, this creates security vulnerabilities and radiation leakage risks, especially for fuel-loaded systems. Regulations are needed to address liability in transportation accidents.

Advanced SMR designs using new fuel concepts (like HALEU) or coolants other than water may generate new forms of radioactive waste requiring new disposal and storage plans. SMR companies are developing plans to store spent nuclear fuel indefinitely in interim on-site storage facilities, as a clear national pathway for long-term disposal remains a concern.

The author is an Energy and Emerging Technologies expert.

THE GIST

The demand for data centres in India is being driven by the need for data storage given the government's Digital India and data localisation policies, increased data consumption, and 5G roll-out which is expected to enable adoption of data intensive technologies such as IoTs and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) represent another source of low carbon that has caught the attention of Big Tech companies. SMRs provide crucial benefits such as flexible sizing in the range of 1 MW to 300+ MW; factory manufacturing capability for cost savings; passive safety enhancements; and 24/7 stable baseload power production.

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Metro: Glitch on Purple Line disrupts commute

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The morning rush-hour traffic faced a major disruption on Thursday after a Namma Metro train developed a technical snag between Vijayanagar and Hosahalli stations around 9.15 a.m., leading to the suspension of services on the Purple Line between Kempegowda (Majestic) station and Challagatta.

The disruption had a cascading effect on the Green Line, affecting thousands of commuters across the city. According to the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), train services up to Mysuru Road were restored by 10.15 a.m., while normal operations between Mysuru Road and Challagatta resumed around 11 a.m. The BMRCL apologised for the inconvenience.

"When I boarded the train at Mysuru Road station around 9.40 a.m., there were people who had been trying to reach their destinations since 8.40 a.m.," said Pavithra S., a regular commuter.

Closed, duplicate entries push GBA's survey completion above 100%

Of 44,19,432 targeted households, 19,24,770 have been fully surveyed and 29,40,205 have been marked as closed

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

With the Social and Educational Survey set to conclude on Friday, only 43.5% of the targeted households have been fully surveyed in the Greater Bangalore Authority (GBA) area, as on Thursday evening.

However, official data reveals an interesting anomaly.

The GBA limits had 44,19,432 targeted households, of which 19,24,770 (43.5%) have been fully surveyed and 29,40,205 (66.5%) marked as closed. This has created a strange situation where the GBA has recorded a completion rate of 105%.

This is a result of the administrative inclusion of closed and unsurveyable households and the fact that the tally covers not only households that completed the questionnaire, but also those that were locked, refused participation, had migrated, or were identified as commercial or vacant premises. The duplicate or overlapping Unique Household Identification (UHID) numbers being counted, along with closed households, has inflated the overall tally, pushing the reported progress beyond 100%, officials said.

Among the five corporations under GBA, West has reported the highest number of completed surveys – 5,23,972 out of 12,33,034 households. FILE PHOTO

The GBA area has been consistently among the slowest performing areas in the State. The officials attributed delays to resistance from several Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) and reluctance among urban residents to share socio-economic details.

The survey, conducted by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes, is set to conclude on Friday, with online extension open for voluntary participation until November 10. Among the five corporations, West Corporation has reported the highest number of completed surveys - 5,23,972 of 12,33,034 households, followed by North Corporation, which has completed 4,29,433 of 8,87,520.

In the Central Corporation, the number of targeted households is 5,10,324, while only 2,12,752 were actually completed. This should translate to a completion rate of around 41.7%, yet the progress report, as of Thursday, shows 100.41%.

"The intent was to ensure that every address within the jurisdiction is accounted for, even if complete data could not be collected. But because of this inclusion, the completion percentage looks unusually high. It's a technical, not physical, reflection of progress," the official said.

The story so far

Corporation	Target households (actual households)	Completed households	Percentage completed	Enumerators Closed (Total)
Central	510324	212752	100.41	275596
East	809921	367296	117.13	558200
North	887520	429433	101.5	541966
South	978633	391317	109.22	805706
West	1233034	523972	99.36	758737
TOTAL	4419432	1924770	105.35	2940205

Number of households targeted for Social and Educational Survey versus completed households and closed households by the enumerators within GBA limits as of October 30.

UHID system

A large part of the confusion stems from the UHID system. Each household is assigned a unique code, but several overlapping or outdated UHIDs from earlier exercises have distorted the dataset.

"Several unsurveyable cases are tied to UHID conflicts. A household may already have a UHID from an earlier survey, or a commercial property may have multiple UHIDs linked to separate electricity or borewell connections, which block new entries at the same location," the senior official said.

The officials also mentioned that the survey period starting October 23, when the exercise was resumed post Deepavali holidays and when many teachers had already been relieved, saw a rush of data uploads and validation entries. In several instances, multiple UHIDs were generated for the same address, sometimes through technical triggers, further pushing up the overall completion figures.

Online participation in survey extended till November 10

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The survey has shown a progress of 101.47% across the State, while in the GBA region, it is about 48.32%, says Shivaraj Tangadagi

The ambitious second Social and Educational Survey, being conducted by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes, is scheduled to come to an end on Friday, even as the online survey has been extended till November 10.

Minister for Backward Classes Shivaraj Tangadagi told presspersons here on Thursday that no decision to extend the survey beyond Friday has been taken. Opportunity to those who wish to participate in the survey online has been given till November 10, he said.

The survey commenced across the State on September 22 and in the Greater Bengaluru Authority region on October 4. Though the survey was supposed to have been completed by October 7, it was extended twice since the progress had been slow in the initial days. As per the current deadline, the survey has to end on Friday.

This is the second survey after the 2015 survey conducted by H. Kantharaj Commission, the report of which was submitted K. Jayaprakash Hegde in 2024.

According to the Minister, the survey across the State has shown a progress of 101.47% covering about 1.46 crore homes and 5.52 crore people.

'Technical issues'

"In the GBA region, the survey progress is about 48.32%. Several technical issues for the slow progress has been identified. A large number of Bengaluru residents are migrants from other districts. They have refused to provide details here since their details have been captured in their respective hometowns."

Besides, he pointed out, the number of meters are more, resulting in the slow progress reports. "We assessing details as to why the progress has been slow."

Timings
BENGALURU

FRIDAY, OCT. 31	
RISE 06:13	SET 17:54
RISE 13:57	SET 01:03
SATURDAY, NOV. 01	
RISE 06:13	SET 17:53
RISE 14:38	SET 01:56
SUNDAY, NOV. 02	
RISE 06:13	SET 17:53
RISE 15:19	SET 02:49

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	24
Mysuru	28	19
Bengaluru	27	20

Bengaluru Today
26°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Short spell of light rain and thundershower may occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be comfortable. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

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Namma Metro facilitates the transport of lungs for transplant

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru's Namma Metro once again proved to be a lifeline for the city by helping transport a pair of donor lungs for a transplant surgery at Narayana Health City in Bommasandra.

The organs were transported via the city's Metro network to beat traffic congestion and save crucial time. According to a release by Narayana Health City, the transplant team began its journey from Goraguntepalya station on the Green Line and continued seamlessly on the newly inaugurated Yellow Line from R.V. Road to Bommasandra. The 30-33 km journey was completed in just 61 minutes during peak rush hour. Thanks to the swift, congestion-free transit, the organs reached Narayana Health City in optimal condition, ensuring the transplant surgery could proceed without delay. "The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited coordinated closely with the hospital team, with its operations and security staff on both lines providing uninterrupted logistical support," the release said.

The Narayana Health City commended the BMRCL for its quick coordination and operational assistance. "This timely collaboration underscores how urban infrastructure, when efficiently integrated with healthcare systems, can help save lives," the hospital said. For the BMRCL, this marks the third successful organ transport operation this year.

In August, Namma Metro made headlines for the first time after transporting a donated liver from Vydehi Hospital in Whitefield to Sparsh Hospital in Rajarajeshwari Nagar. The organ was ferried using a combination of ambulance and metro, cutting travel time drastically amid heavy traffic.

The second instance came on September 11, when the BMRCL facilitated the rapid movement of a live human heart arranged by Sparsh Hospital. The heart was transported from Yeshwanthpur Metro Station to South End Circle Station, en route to Apollo Hospital.

Two-day event to celebrate Karnataka's culture

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Azim Premji University, in collaboration with the Bangalore International Centre (BIC), will host 'Krishna to Kaveri: Celebrating Karnataka's Cultural Confluences' on November 1 and 2 at the BIC. Now in its second edition, the annual festival coincides with Karnataka Rajyotsava and seeks to celebrate Karnataka's rich and evolving cultural heritage. The event will be inaugurated by filmmaker and writer Nagathihalli Chandrashekhar and M.C. Ramesh, chairperson of the Karnataka Shilpa Kala Academy.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING
Uttar Pradesh, 6th Floor, Jawahar Bhawan, Lucknow
No. ME-3/2025/2601 Lucknow : Dated 30/10/2025

TIME SCHEDULE FOR "FIRST ROUND" OF UP NEET PG COUNSELING 2025 (M.D./M.S./DIPLOMA & D.N.B.)

In accordance with the schedule issued by the Medical Counseling Committee (MCC), New Delhi for the NEET PG course, the time schedule **for the first round** of online counseling for admission to state quota seats in undergraduate courses (M.D./M.S./DIPLOMA & D.N.B.) in government/private medical colleges/institutions/medical universities is as follows:-

S.No.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1.	Date of online registration	From : 06.11.2025 (11:00 AM) To : 10.11.2025 (11:00 AM)	04 days
2.	Date of depositing registration and security money	From : 06.11.2025 (11:00 AM) To : 10.11.2025 (02:00 PM)	05 days
3.	Date of Merit List Declaration	On : 10.11.2025	01 day
4.	Date of On-line Choice filling	From : 11.11.2025 (11:00 AM) To : 14.11.2025 (2:00 PM)	04 days
5.	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	On : 17.11.2025	01 day
6.	Date for downloading the allotment letters & Admission	From : 18.11.2025 to 22.11.2025	05 days

- As per the instructions contained in the government order/brochure of UP NEET PG 2025, candidates should assess their eligibility themselves.
- Only those candidates will be eligible for choice filling who have completed the online registration process, and who have deposited the required security amount.
- The UP NEET PG 2025 information booklet (brochure) and important instructions are available on the websites www.upneet.in and www.dgme.up.gov.in, keep checking website regularly for updated information
- Help Line Numbers - 8189011696, 8189011697, 8189011698, 8189011699, 8189011700

Director General
Medical Education & Training, UP

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr. Ashok Kumar Kandukuri S/o Bhaskara Rao Kandukuri** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **M/s. ARK GLOBAL ESTATES** represented by its partner **Sri.K.Harish Reddy**; person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Vacant **Site No.23** of the residential layout known as **"MELROSE"** Phase II, Site Carved out of sy.no.54/1 situated at **Nimbekayipura village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East** and measuring in total 1500 square feet and bounded on the:

East by Site No.20, West by Road, North by Site No.24, South by Site No.22

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my client Chinnakrishnamma @ RS Krishnaveni to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original Sale deed dated 31.12.2003, Doc. No. 11669/2003-04 of Book I & in the office of the Sub-Registrar Anekal, Bangalore in respect of Sy.No.40/2 Situated at Choodasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, has been lost at the time of travelling. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Sale deed. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days from this present along with that Police Complaint is also given vide Lost Report No.1875609/2025, dated 30.10.2025.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client intends to purchase the **Residential Apartment bearing No. 103,** presently bearing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike E-Aasthi Khatha No. 38/11, New PID No. 81-4-38/11, New Ward No. 90 – Halasur, on the First and Second Floor, having a Super Built-up Area of 453.97 Square Meters equivalent to 4887 Square Feet, along with **Four Covered Parking Spaces** of the Residential Building known as **"NITESH LOGOS"** together with **6.08%** equivalent to 174.36 Square Meters equivalent to 1876.79 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of (i) portion of immovable property bearing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Khatha No. 38, PID No. 81-4-38 (Old No. 38, 38/1 and 38/2 (earlier Old No. 2)), measuring **28,871.73 Square Feet,** and (ii) the remaining portion of immovable property bearing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Khatha No. 38, PID No. 81-4-38 (Old No. 81-4-37/4), totally measuring **3,200 Square Feet**, both situated at Aga Abbas Ali Road, Halasuru, Civil Station, Bangalore, from its present owner, Mr. Sudarshan Reddy D. Any Person(s) having any right over the said property may lodge his/her/their objections/ claim with documentary evidence within **7 (seven) days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

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Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Panchayat Raj Commissionerate
Department of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj
Kalidas Marg, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.

No. KPRC-MISC/147/2025 Date: 30.10.2025

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka Panchayat Raj Commissionerate invites applications from eligible candidates for the post of **RGSA Consultant (03 posts) & Data Analytics expert (02 posts) for a period of 4 months (December - 2025 to March-2026).** Interested candidates can send their Resume / Curriculum vitae to e-mail id: **rgsa.consultant@gmail.com** on or before **07/11/2025 by 5.30 pm.** The post is temporary and purely on contract basis. Detailed information can be obtained from **https://prcrdpr.karnataka.gov.in/12/notifications/en** website or from notice board of Panchayath Raj Commissionerate office, Kalidasa Marg, K.G.Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.

Sd/-
Deputy Secretary (Admin)
Karnataka Panchayat Raj Commissionerate

DIPR/CP/YC/3511/2025-26

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No. N/109/2025/1079 Date: 30.10.2025

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Sub: In the matter of the proposal of ESCOMs for levying Additional Surcharge on Open Access consumers.

In pursuance to the Section 42 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Clause 8.5.4 of the Tariff Policy, Clause 5.8.3 of the National Electricity Policy, KERC (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) Regulations, 2025 dated 26.03.2025 and para 6.13.6 of the Commission's Tariff Order-2025 dated 27.03.2025, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) has filed the Original Petition in OP No. 29/2025 before the Commission seeking approval to their proposal for levying Additional Surcharge on Open Access consumers.

The Original Petition filed by BESCOM is available on the websites of the ESCOMs and the Commission **(https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in).** In this regard, public notice was issued on 09.10.2025 seeking objections / suggestions / reply from the Stakeholder, Open Access consumers coming under the jurisdiction of BESCOM, MESCOM, GESCOM, HESCOM and CESC in writing to the Secretary, KERC, on or before 30 days from the date of said notice.

Meanwhile, on 29.10.2025, BESCOM has filed an amendment application, the Commission has heard the BESCOM on the said amendment application on 30.10.2025, and allowed the said application with a direction to the petitioner to upload the same in the website ESCOMs for enabling the Stakeholder, Open Access consumers coming under the jurisdiction of BESCOM, MESCOM, GESCOM, HESCOM and CESC to submit their objections.

The amended Petition is also available on the websites of the ESCOMs and the Commission **(https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in).** The Stakeholders and Open Access consumers coming under the jurisdiction of ESCOMs may submit their objections to the Commission **on or before 12.11.2025 at 05.00pm.**

To elicit the views of the stakeholders / Open Access consumers regarding levy of additional surcharge coming under the jurisdiction of ESCOMs, the Commission will hold the public hearing on 13.11.2025 at 11.00 AM at Commission's Court Hall, Bengaluru.

The public hearing will be conducted in hybrid mode, both physical and online / virtual mode, as per the Standard Operating Procedure notified by the Commission on 18.09.2025.

The parties, stakeholders and Open Access Consumers who are interested to represent through online / virtual mode of hearing shall submit their names/reference, Email IDs and phone numbers to the Commission's registry through e-mail ID **asst.secykerc@gmail.com** between **11.00 AM and 05.00 PM on or before 12.11.2025.**

Interested stakeholders / Open Access consumers coming under the jurisdiction of ESCOMs may participate in the public hearing and submit their oral / written objections to the Commission, during the public hearing.

Sd/- Secretary
DIPR/CP/3516/2025-26 For Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

KALYAN KARNATKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, CENTRAL OFFICE, KALABURGI-585102

No: KKRT/CO/ARF/100/2025-26 D: 30.10.2025

E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION: 05/2025

KKRTC invites Bids from Regional/ Zonal/ Head office of Nationalized Public sector Banks And Regional Rural Banks in India for the Investment of surplus funds of NEKRTC Passenger Accident Relief Fund Trust in fixed deposit for one (01) year. **No individual Bank branch shall participate in E-Auction.**

Interested bidders can access documents from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from Date: **31.10.2025** onwards by paying an application fee as per e-procurement Portal.

Corrigendum / Addendum / Modifications / corrections, If any will be published in e-procurement Portal only.

Sd/- Secretary
Accident Relif Fund Trust (Tender Inviting Authority)
DIPR/Kalaburagi/658/KSMC&A/2025-26

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CORRIGENDUM-I DT: 30.10.2025

On behalf of President of India, **item rate E-tender** is invited from Contractors of appropriate class for following works.

NIT No.	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/MAINT/ E-TN-67/2025-2026 dated: 10.10.2025**
Name of work	**Replacement of Air Circuit Breakers (ACBs) in the existing LT Panel and Modification of Busbar at IDSN Campus, ISTRAC, Bengaluru.**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 23.81 Lakhs**
Tender Document details	**E-Tender**
Period of Completion	**Four (04) months**
Period during which tender documents can be downloaded	From 16.00 hrs. on 11.10.2025 to 25.10.2025 till 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 08.11.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs.**
Bid clarifications	From 11.00 hrs. on 12.10.2025 to 26.10.2025 till 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 09.11.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs.**
Last date of reply to Bid clarification	27.10.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 10.11.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs.**
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	28.10.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. **Extended up to 11.11.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs.**
Due date & time of opening of tenders	30.10.2025 after 11.00 hrs. **Extended up to 13.11.2025 after 11.00 Hrs.**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 47,620.00**

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) on the website: **https://isro.gov.in/Tenders.html** and tender fee view at **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Head-CMG

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

A still from *Vaazhai*.

How Mari Selvaraj has portrayed Dalit lives within Tamil cinema

Mari Selvaraj's formative years were spent in what was then a part of Tirunelveli, a southern district of Tamil Nadu, that has been a hot-bed of caste-violence and caste-based mobilisation through the 1990s, including widespread rioting across neighbouring districts

Udhav Naig

Filmmaker Mari Selvaraj's rise in Tamil cinema as one of its top filmmakers from humble beginnings and his evolution as a master craftsman is a story by itself. It wouldn't be a stretch to state that Mr. Selvaraj along with filmmaker Pa. Ranjith filled a yawning gap in Tamil cinema by ensuring that Dalit protagonists and Ambedkarite politics of emancipation formed the central core of their films, serving as an anathema to the persistent normalisation of violence and oppression by dominant castes in the name of valour and history in Tamil cinema.

It has been 13 years since filmmaker Pa. Ranjith burst onto the scene with *Attakathi* and seven years since Mari Selvaraj's first film, *Pariyerum Perumal*, released in theatres to positive reviews and success at the box office, dispelling the notion that films about caste discrimination set in the deep south are akin to a spark in the powder keg. Yet, crucial differences between the two filmmakers haven't been emphasised enough. Except for *Attakathi*, Mr. Ranjith largely shies away from making films with significant autobiographical elements while Mr. Selvaraj situates his autobiographical episodes in historical contexts, save for *Maamannan*.

Unique tone

Mr. Ranjith's point of view has been informed by a different political tradition in northern parts of Tamil Nadu, where fight for rights would mean large scale political mobilisations, street protests and litigations. However, Mr. Selvaraj's formative years were spent in what was then a part of the Tirunelveli district, a southern district of Tamil Nadu, that has been a hot-bed of caste-violence and caste-based mobilisation through the 90s, including widespread rioting across neighbouring districts, known as the '*Thenmaavatta Kalavarangal*'. Young and middle-aged taxi drivers hailing from southern districts but making a living in Chennai, Bengaluru or Mumbai could tell you how the smallest of provocations, say, in restrooms, in cinema halls, in public buses (as in *Bison: Kaalamaadan*), or in tea shops could snowball into a major incident of violence. Irrespective of which community they hail from, most of them find the prevailing environment toxic and are realising that it is not worth contributing to violence and spending one's life entangled in court cases.

This is perhaps why Mr. Selvaraj's point of view appears to look like he is striving for a negotiation, often resorting to dialogue even with his worst enemy, despite the fact that Dalit communities in the south of Tamil Nadu often fight back and resist oppression violently. During a visit to Tirunelveli before the 2021 State Assembly elections, this author asked political activists within the Devendrakula Vellalar community about Mr. Selvaraj's first film *Pariyerum Perumal*. They were quite critical of the film. "It is not our film. It is a film made for you people," a political party office bearer said jokingly. He meant that the film was meant to tug at your heart, and not aimed at his throat.

However, Mr. Selvaraj quickly changed his tone in *Karnan*, featuring Dhanush, in which he wove a story around a painful historical incident of police brutality to etch a rather spirited story about how a regular, everyday youth uses revolutionary violence in pursuit of justice. "This is more our film. We fought back...and now everybody knows that," the same activist, told me over the phone after the release. In four of the five films that Mr. Selvaraj has made so far, it is clear that he has been struggling to make sense of his personal experience with caste and the social machinations around him. Questions have been asked, not just by those who don't like the politics in his films, but also by those who take him seriously as a filmmaker.

Questions of conscience

Many have spoken about how Mr. Selvaraj has mastered the art of representation – the way women tie their sarees in his films, how dominant castes strut around and throw their weight in villages and towns, and how the smallest of scuffles could snowball into a conflict involving whole communities. After an uncomfortable outing in *Maamannan*, which had some decent ideas, Mr. Selvaraj returned to his familiar surroundings with *Vaazhai*, telling us a story of characters hailing from his world, with episodes from his life. Its message was that caste-based labour exploitation has a role to play in accidents, too.

With *Bison: Kaalamaadan*, Mr. Selvaraj plonks his protagonist, *Kittan*, an aspiring Kabaddi player, who is asked to stay out of trouble by his father, in the midst of a raging, violent war between two community leaders – one fighting to ensure that the social balance remains tilted in his community's favour and the other, fighting to create equilibrium. In *Bison*, Mr. Selvaraj continues to open himself up to the criticism that his films often tries to appeal to the good conscience of the oppressor castes. A writer who is well-informed about the politics in the south said, "Except for *Karnan*, protagonists in Mari's films have sought equality with the oppressor castes by showcasing the struggles of the protagonist and appealing to their good side. However, nobody in Tamil cinema today has been able to capture how the dominant castes try to maintain their dominance in the caste society. He is exceptional in that case."

While one need not speculate about his motivations, it is true that the idea of seeking parity by appealing to the good conscience of dominant castes sits uncomfortably with the larger Dalit community who remember their struggles in the south differently. It is perhaps understandable that cinema, being an expensive mainstream art, necessitating the need to recoup money in the market, imposes certain restrictions such as creating a sense of balance in representation and so on. The movement that began with Pa. Ranjith and Mari Selvaraj, finds itself at an inflection point: can mainstream cinema be used to build bridges and force a change of mindsets in other communities while telling stories of oppression the way it must be told?

Bison could be seen as a move towards that. By bringing the life and struggles of Manathi Ganesan, a Kabaddi player, on the silver screen, Mr. Selvaraj has shown his intent to celebrate not just those who fight for the rights of people, organise protests and so on, but also heroes from the community who quietly break glass ceilings and set benchmarks, not just for young people within the community but for Tamil society as a whole.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

S. Upendran

"Spectator. Audience. What's the difference between the two?"

"A 'spectator' is someone who goes somewhere to watch an event. When you go to a sports event, for example..."

"...then you would be a spectator. There were many spectators at last Sunday's game."

"That's a good example. If you are a spectator, usually there is no direct participation involved. For example, you could be walking down the road and see two people fighting. You would be a spectator to their fight."

"If my friends and I went to the studio to watch Madhuri Dixit shooting, then we would be spectators, right?"

"Right!"

"When do I become part of an audience, then?"

"When people gather in order to listen to someone or something, then they become part of an audience. Here the primary focus is on 'listening', not on 'seeing'. For example, if you were to go to Parade Grounds to listen to our MLA.."

".... I would never do that!"

"Just giving an example, silly. When you attend a talk given by someone, then you become a member of the audience. Similarly if you went to the theatre...."

"... to see a movie or a play?"

"It could be a movie, a play, or even a concert. When you go to the theatre, you become part of an audience. For example, some people in the audience whistled when the hero first appeared on the screen."

"When Elton John began to sing, the audience went wild."

"Good example."

"And if you listen to radio, you're part of an audience, I guess."

"That's right. When you listen to the radio, you become..."

"... listen to the radio?"

"Yes, you listen to the radio. You hear something on the radio. But you watch television."

"I see. So you 'watch television' and not 'watch the television'."

"Right again. For example, my mother says that watching too much television isn't good for your eyes."

"Suresh, watching too much television could turn us all into idiots."

"That's why television is called the idiot box."

"You're absolutely right. But coming to the point, you 'watch television', and 'listen to the radio'. What about tapes and records? Do you 'listen to the tapes', or 'listen to tapes'?"

"Both are acceptable. But they don't mean the same. For example, if you say, 'I listen to tapes every evening', it means that you are in the habit of listening to some tapes in the evening. It could be any tape. One day, you may listen to songs sung by Kishore Kumar, and the next day, you may listen to the Beatles."

"The tape or tapes may be different, but I listen to something every evening."

"That's right. If on the other hand you say, 'I listen to the tapes every evening', it means that you listen to a specific set of tapes every evening."

"In other words, I listen to the same tapes every evening."

"Exactly!"

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On October 24, advertising legend Piyush Pandey died at the age of 70. A quiz on some of his iconic campaigns and advertisements

Radhika Santhanam

QUESTION 1

Pandey coined the slogan for the BJP in 2014. What was the slogan?

QUESTION 2

X became a phenomenon in India thanks to an ad by Ogilvy & Mather. The price of X and the demand for X shot up and even triggered some concern among animal rights activists who argued that X is not native to India. What is X?

QUESTION 3

A series of ads, helmed by Pandey, created awareness about the importance of immunising children below the age of five against a certain disease. India became free of this disease in 2014. Name it.

QUESTION 4

A classic ad of the 1990s, scripted by Pandey, was remade a few years ago by the company. The new version, which reversed gender roles, concluded with the hashtag #GoodLuckGirls. Name the company and the event for which the ad was wishing them good luck.

QUESTION 5

This company paid tribute to Pandey after his death by featuring just his signature moustache on a blank background. The ad conveyed Pandey's power of simplicity. Name the company.

Visual question:

This is a snapshot from an ad. What was the ad for?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The official Soviet designation for the Tsar Bomba. **Ans: AN602 (also called Product 602)**

2. The name of the island where the test was conducted. **Ans: Severny Island in Novaya Zemlya**

3. This individual oversaw the Tsar Bomba project at Arzamas-16. **Ans: Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov**

4. The CIA's code name for the Tsar Bomba test. **Ans: JOE 111**

5. The day the Tsar Bomba was first tested. **Ans: October 30, 1961**

Visual: The height of the mushroom cloud. **Ans: The mushroom cloud was about 67 kilometres (42 miles) high, which is nearly eight times the height of Mount Everest**

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Word of the day

Capricious:

changeable; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

Synonyms: impulsive, whimsical

Usage: *Authoritarian rulers are frequently capricious.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/capriciouspro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /kəˈpɹɪʃəs/

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Two policemen suspended following social media post by victim's father

The Hindu Bureau
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A sub-inspector and a constable attached to the Bellandur Police Station have been suspended following complaints of corruption by a victim's father on social media, which went viral.

Sivakumar K., 64, a former Chief Financial Officer of a Public Sector Undertaking, lost his daughter Akshaya Shivakumar, 34, an IIM and IIT graduate working with an multinational company, to brain haemorrhage on September 18. This triggered a medico-legal case and an unnatural death report was filed.

Mr. Shivakumar recounted his ordeal in a social media post saying he was forced to pay bribes from the ambulance driver, police for the FIR and the autopsy report, to crematorium workers to get a receipt and civic workers for the death certificate. "The inspector of Bellandur Police Station was so arrogant with no empathy to a father who lost his only child," he said, adding his attitude changed once his former employers pulled the right strings.

Saying this was a very sad state, he lamented while he had the money, paid bribes, what would the poor do.

As this post went viral on social media on Wednesday, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Whitefield Division) suspended the two policemen and initiated an inquiry into the incident.

In another case, Avalahalli inspector has been accused of favouritism in handling a civil dispute and assaulting a former soldier. Based on the complaint filed by a former army personal , the city Police Commissioner ordered a probe and awaiting report to take legal action.

Another techie assaulted in suspected road rage

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Days after a gig worker was murdered in an incident of road rage, another case of suspected road rage, where a biker was severely assaulted, was reported on Wednesday. The victim, Prateek, a game developer, was allegedly attacked by two unidentified men after his bike brushed against another vehicle while he was on his way to office around 11.30 a.m. near Puttenahalli. Police said the duo stopped Prateek, snatched his bike key and attacked him. Prateek filed a complaint. The Puttenahali Police have now registered a case.

2,600 new breast cancer cases diagnosed every year

Around 7,040 women are living with the disease, and 400 deaths are reported annually; 'breast cancer continues to be most commonly diagnosed cancer among women, both globally and State'

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

As October draws to a close, marking Breast Cancer Awareness Month, data from the National Centre for Disease Information and Research (NCDIR-ICMR) underscores Bengaluru's continuing struggle with breast cancer - a disease that remains the leading cancer among Indian women.

In Bengaluru, which hosts one of India's oldest and most comprehensive cancer registries, approximately 2,610 new breast cancer cases are diagnosed every year. Around 7,040 women are currently living with the disease, and 400 deaths are reported annually.

AAIR triples

The city's age-adjusted incidence rate (AAIR) has more than tripled over four decades - from 15 per 1,00,000 women in 1982 to 48.4 per 1,00,000 in recent years - reflecting a 3.4% annual rise. Experts attributed this to increased urbanisation, lifestyle changes, and delayed health-seeking behaviour as contributing factors.

The State-run Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology alone registered 1,544 breast cancer cases last year, contributing to 22.5% of all female cancers treated at the institute. Naveen T., Director (Additional Charge) at Kidwai, told *The Hindu* that breast cancer continues to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women, both globally and in Karnataka. "These numbers highlight the need to strengthen early detection and improve access to treatment across all districts," he said.

The Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in Bengaluru.

> Self-examinations every month, clinical breast exams for women above 30 years can make a difference
>
> **NAVEEN T.**
> Director (Additional Charge) at Kidwai

In Karnataka, around 15,359 new cases of breast cancer are diagnosed every year, making up 31% of all female cancers in the State. About 2,278 deaths occur annually, while an estimated 40,500 women are currently living with the disease. At the national level, India reports around 2.38 lakh new cases (30% of all female cancers) and 1.02 lakh deaths (25% of all female cancer deaths) due to breast cancer every year. The large number of cases is a combination of genetic predisposition, reproductive factors, and lifestyle influences such as obesity, delayed childbirth, and reduced breastfeeding, Dr. Naveen said.

One in three

According to a recent study published in JAMA Network Open, based on data from 43 Population-Based Cancer Registries between 2015 and 2019, breast cancer accounts for nearly one in every three female cancers in India.

The study revealed a wide regional variation in age-adjusted incidence rates - from 4.8 per 1,00,000 in Dima Hasao (Assam) to 54.0 per 1,00,000 in Hyderabad - reflecting differences in risk factors, awareness, and access to screening and care.

Late diagnosis

Despite growing awareness, more than half of all breast cancer cases in India are still detected in advanced stages (Stage III or IV). Asserting on early detection, Dr. Naveen said, "If detected early, up to 90% of breast cancers are curable. However, the absence of an organised national screening programme continues to be a challenge. Screening remains largely opportunistic and depends on awareness and healthcare access."

Modifiable risk factors

While 5% to 10% of breast cancers are hereditary, most are linked to modifiable risk factors - overweight, sedentary lifestyle, alcohol use, and high-fat diets.

Dr. Naveen emphasised the importance of preventive health measures such as physical activity, balanced diet, breastfeeding, and regular examinations. "Monthly self-examinations, clinical breast examination for women above 30 years, and mammography every two years for those above 40 can make a significant difference," he said. Kidwai Institute, he added, is working to strengthen oncology units in all district hospitals to ensure accessible screening, diagnosis, and treatment for major cancers.

Techie who ordered high-end smartphone online gets pieces of tile

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The customer recorded a video while unboxing the package and was shocked to find tile inside the box

A software engineer, who ordered a high-end mobile phone online, was shocked to find pieces of a tile in the parcel.

Premanand, a resident of K. S. Layout, ordered a smartphone worth ₹1.85 lakh on an e-commerce platform, and the product was delivered on the scheduled date.

He recorded a video while unboxing the package and was shocked to find pieces of a tile inside the box instead of the premium smartphone he had paid for in full. When he tried to contact the delivery executive, there was no response.

Left with no option, Premanand filed a complaint through the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal and later lodged a complaint with the Kumaraswamy Layout Police Station. The police have launched a probe.

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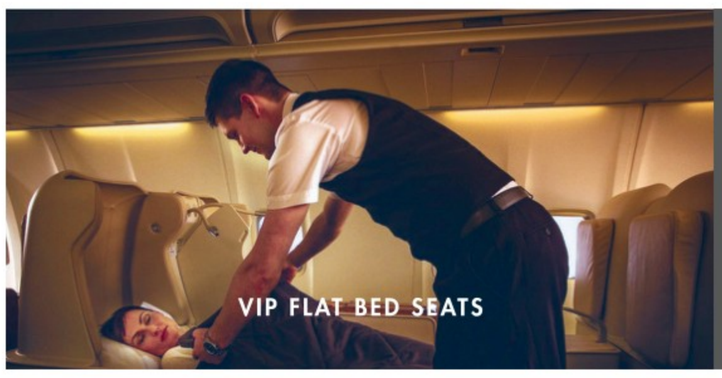

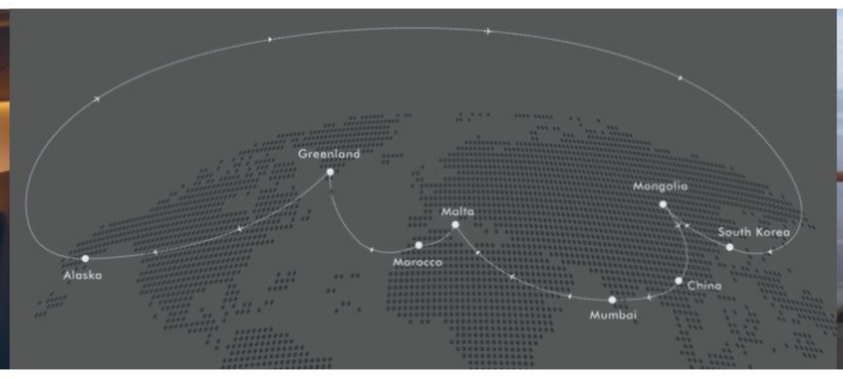

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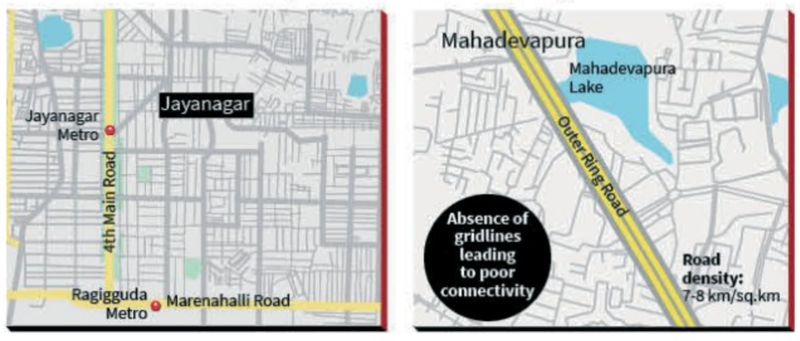
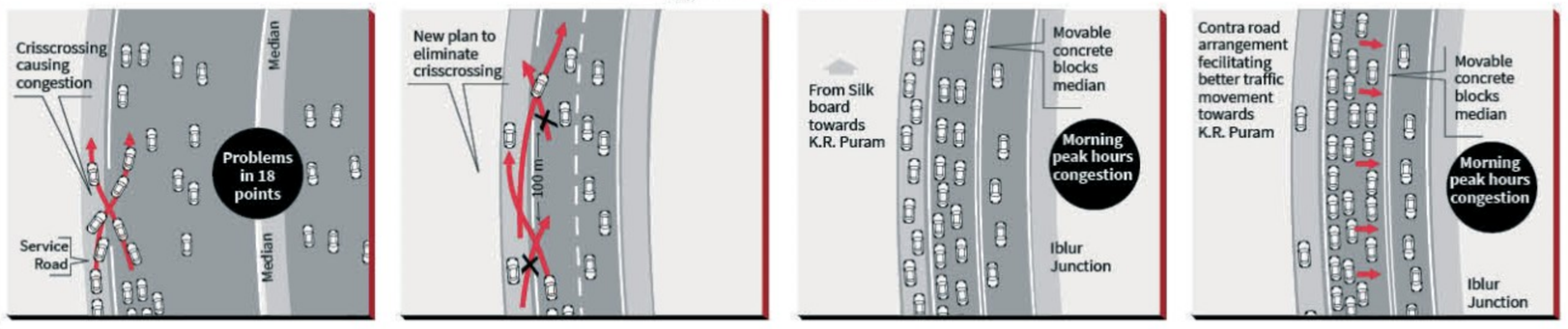


Easing traffic at bottlenecks



Where the grid ends and gridlock begins

What causes congestion on Outer Ring Road (ORR) in Bengaluru and why is a realistic and lasting solution to the ORR's traffic woes elusive? **Chetan B.C.** explores answers

With eight to 10 lakh employees using the ORR daily, it ranks among the Top 5 most congested routes in Bengaluru. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Bengaluru East City Corporation is the richest among the five new civic bodies under the Greater Bengaluru Authority and contributes the highest tax revenue. It covers the largest area –168 sq. km. – but has the smallest population of 13 lakh (1.3 million), resulting in the lowest population density among the new corporations, at 7,738 persons per sq. km.

But, the corporation includes one of Bengaluru's most congested corridors – the 17.3-km stretch of Outer Ring Road (ORR) between K.R. Puram and Central Silk Board. The congestion stems from a large floating population and limited infrastructure.

About 500 tech companies operate along this stretch, with eight to 10 lakh employees using the ORR daily, putting it among the Top 5 most congested routes in Bengaluru. Originally designed to handle 4,800 Passenger Car Units (PCUs), the road now carries about 10,400 PCUs, more than double its intended capacity, according to ASTraM data reviewed by *The Hindu*. This overload has drastically increased travel time. A 10-km commute can take over an hour, sometimes nearly two.

Congestion on the stretch and the bad condition of the road has sometimes led to face-offs between tech honchos and the ruling dispensation. The most recent spat involved Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar, who also holds charge of the city, which began after a logistics company co-founder announced relocating out of the stretch.

> Public transport must be strengthened with frequent metro shuttles, suburban rail links, and improved bus services
>
> **RAVICHANDAR,** Member of the Brand Bengaluru Committee

What went wrong?

IT firms along the ORR witnessed unprecedented growth after 2002, when the corridor became fully operational. Each year brought an increase in the number of commuters using the stretch, placing additional strain on an already fragile infrastructure. Multiple choke points and the ripple effects of congestion further worsened traffic on the connecting roads.

Karthik Reddy, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), pointed out that there are very few connecting roads to the ORR, and that most of them are old, narrow, and located in panchayat areas lacking proper planning.

Mr. Reddy compared the ORR area with Jayanagar, highlighting the absence of a road grid network that connects every part of the locality. In addition, the areas surrounding the ORR have critically low road density.

Road density refers to the total length (in km) of all roads within a one square kilometre area. A density of about 20 km per sq. km. is considered healthy and sustainable. Greater road density allows vehicles to move between two points using multiple routes instead of depending on a single stretch.

Gopal M. Byakod, Deputy Commissioner of Police (South, Traffic), explained that Jayanagar has a road density of 25 km per sq. km., compared with only eight to 10 km per sq. km. in areas around the ORR.

According to available data, Whitefield records about 8 km of roads per sq. km., Sarjapur about 10 to 12 km, and Vijayanagar and the Central Business District (CBD) around 25 to 30 km per sq. km. Internationally, New York City, a metropolis with one of the highest population densities, has about 37 km per sq. km.

V. Ravichandar, member of the Brand Bengaluru Committee, observed that the Bengaluru administration focused on developing the ORR as a single strip while neglecting local area planning.

"Beyond the ORR strip, we should have notified land for at least one kilometre on either side of this stretch to create a broader zone for local area development, where road lengths and widths could be redrawn," Mr. Ravichandar said, adding that connecting roads and slip roads could have been better planned.

While the linear development of the ORR spurred industrial growth, there was no corresponding expansion of residential areas. For instance, inexplicably Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) hasn't developed a single layout in these parts of the city till date. As a result, employees were forced to commute from far-off places, adding more private vehicles to the stretch in the absence of efficient public transport.

Additionally, successive governments failed to develop an alternative employment corridor that could accommodate growing companies.

This long-standing neglect has now turned the notorious stretch into a political battleground, following an announcement by IT companies to end work-from-home arrangements from October 1, citing a drop in productivity.

What are the current problems?

A visit to the area reveals several choke points, especially along the service lanes. For instance, on the service lane near the Iblur Junction, metro construction work has completely halted vehicle movement. Near Devarabeesanahalli, roads are filled with vehicles trying to reach IT company campuses. At the Marathahalli and Mahadevapura junctions, the bylanes connecting to service lanes are heavily congested, as vehicles from houses and paying guest accommodations are parked on the roads, occupying much of the already narrow stretches.

The ripple effect of traffic from the ORR, combined with narrow connecting lanes, has become a major concern for commuters. Three key roads feed into the ORR in this zone – Doddakannalli-Bellandur Road, Ambalipura-Sarjapura Road, and Doddakannalli-Kadubeesanahalli Road via Devarabeesanahalli Road. All of these roads remain severely clogged during peak hours.

School buses are often stuck for hours on these routes. A class 11 student whose school bus travels via Doddakannalli Road, recalled how young children in her bus cry when trapped in traffic for hours, unable to reach home on time.

"When they need to use restroom, there are barely any options when we are stuck in traffic. For girl students, especially during periods, it becomes extremely difficult to endure long journeys," she said.

In the absence of any scientific or long-term solution to decongest the corridor, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have introduced several short-term measures.

Traffic police action plan

Mr. Reddy told *The Hindu* that the police have identified 18 choke points that experience heavy congestion due to flaws in road design and infrastructure, leading to frequent crisscrossing conflicts.

"Along the stretch, there are multiple openings between the service lanes and the main carriageway. Vehicles from both sides try to use the same opening, which inevitably causes congestion due to crisscrossing," he explained.

The police are now exploring ways to eliminate such technical flaws. In several areas, they have also introduced contra-flow traffic systems to ease movement on smaller, congested stretches.

While these steps are temporary, the police are simultaneously promoting carpooling among employees of the same company and encouraging the use of public transport to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. They are also examining short-term fixes for recurring design-related issues.

Fixing technical gaps

Mr. Byakod highlighted another issue. Skywalks that have exit points directly onto footpaths between the service roads and the main carriageway, forcing pedestrians to cross moving traffic and disrupt vehicle flow.

This design flaw, particularly near junctions such as Devarabeesanahalli, has created severe problems because skywalk exits are placed on medians between service lane and main carriageway. As a result, large numbers of employees use these exits, cutting across traffic near the junctions and triggering congestion.

Sahil Bagla, DCP (East, Traffic), told *The Hindu* that the placement of bus stops on the main carriageway is another major problem. "When a bus halts at a stop, it slows down the traffic behind it. If another bus tries to overtake, the congestion tail begins right there," he explained.

In addition, work on multiple drains is being undertaken along the service roads on the 17-km stretch. These further reduce the usable road width, creating bottlenecks. The ripple effect carries onto the main carriageway when buses switch between the main road and service lanes. If a service lane is blocked, buses are forced to stop on the main carriageway, adding to the congestion.

To address these issues, the BTP has been introducing minor interventions such as closing entry points to service lanes near congested junctions and shifting pedestrian crossings slightly away from chronically jammed spots, and deploying more traffic personnel.

Is there a realistic solution?

A senior police officer told *The Hindu* that the department had approached several IT companies with proposals to ease congestion by allowing vehicle movement through their campuses. However, the companies refused.

"In the absence of land for road expansion, if the companies had permitted vehicles to pass through their campuses, we could have de-congested many bottlenecks. But none of them agreed," the officer said, adding that the companies only needed to open small sections of their side driveways, yet they declined.

When asked about the reluctance, a representative of the Greater Bengaluru IT & Companies Association (GBITCA) cited 'safety concerns' for the campuses. He further noted that the problem was a broader infrastructure issue requiring coordination among multiple government agencies, not just the companies.

Mr. Ravichandar suggested a multi-pronged strategy to ease congestion along the ORR. The foremost solution, he said, is to retrofit a proper street grid, which would require land acquisition to create parallel and connecting roads, effectively doubling the current road density.

In the absence of available land, he proposed that IT campuses should become more porous by allowing public roads to pass through their premises while maintaining building-level security. "This could be the only viable way to retrofit the road network and create more grids," he said.

"IT firms should charge for parking and promote carpooling, bike taxis, and staggered work hours. Public transport must be strengthened with frequent metro shuttles, suburban rail links, and improved bus services," Mr. Ravichandar added.

A government source told *The Hindu* that during a high-level meeting, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) had suggested levying parking charges within company premises to encourage employees to use public transport. The companies, they said, could even redirect the collected charges as employee incentives.

"No one agreed to the proposal. Instead, one of them suggested imposing a congestion tax, which the government rejected outright," the source said.

Krishna Kumar Gowda, general secretary of GBITCA, argued that IT companies already contribute through services and taxes, and it is not their responsibility to provide commuting infrastructure. "Companies cannot alter their internal policies to accommodate such measures. It would strain their relationship with employees," he said.

With this option off the table, three alternatives remain: expediting the Blue Line metro construction, increasing the bus fleet, and upgrading existing infrastructure.

Infrastructure works afoot

BMTC feeder buses operate frequently between the K.R. Puram metro station and Marathahalli, making around 210 trips per day. Additionally, 2,382 regular bus trips are made across the stretch. Yet, the number of private vehicles has remained unchanged.

The Blue Line metro (Phase 2A), initially scheduled for completion in 2024, has been delayed by two years. Yeshwanth Chavan, Chief PRO of BMRCL, told *The Hindu* that the Blue Line is now expected to open by the end of 2026. "There were several challenges, including construction site constraints, moving girders along the stretch, and delays in obtaining permissions. However, work is now in full swing," he said.

R.K. Mishra, Independent Director of BSMILE, said that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for revamping ORR, at an estimated cost of ₹450 crore, is ready and awaiting government approval. "Once approved, the work will begin within two months," he said.

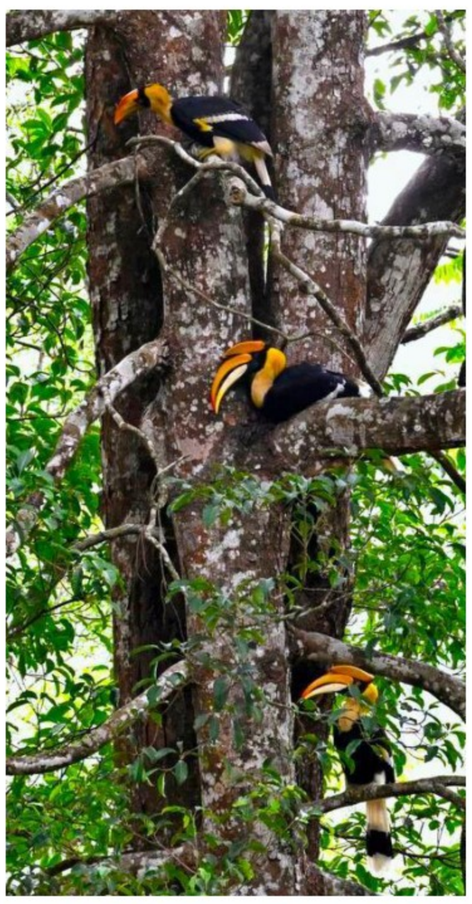
"We have prioritised bus priority lanes to ease the load on the main carriageway, which is a practical alternative to road widening in the absence of available land. We've also planned cycling lanes and addressed all unscientific design issues along the stretch," Mr. Mishra said.

However, both projects are expected to take more than a year to complete. Even after completion, BMRCL estimates that about 1.5 lakh commuters will use the Namma Metro along this stretch. With the implementation of bus priority lanes, another 1.5 lakh commuters could shift to public transport. Yet, around five to six lakh people are expected to continue using private vehicles, far exceeding the road's original carrying capacity.

While these may be potential solutions, the government is also exploring the relocation of companies, a move that the IT industry has resisted. Civic activists believe that both the government and IT companies must come together to find common ground.

A month-long celebration
steered by Early Bird and WWF-India is helping children fall in love with Nature

Wings of wonder Birding is a great way to expose children to the natural world. M PERIASAMY, B JOTHI RAMALINGAM AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



Young birders take flight

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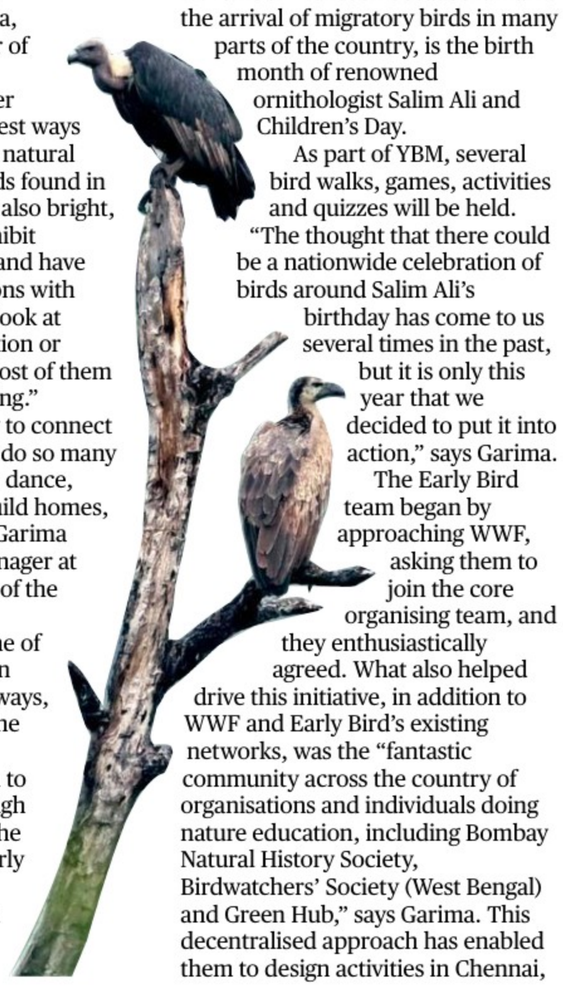
Farida Tampal began birding in the 1980s as part of the nature club of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). "I always proudly say that I know the WWF better than anyone else in the organisation because I started as a student member of its nature club," says the Hyderabad-based Farida, today the State Director of WWF-India.

Watching birds, in her opinion, is one of the best ways to draw a child into the natural world. Not only are birds found in our midst, but they are also bright, have different calls, exhibit interesting behaviours and have deep cultural associations with human beings. "If you look at people in the conservation or wildlife sector today, most of them started with birdwatching."

Birds are a great way to connect to Nature because they do so many fascinating things: sing, dance, court their partners, build homes, adds Bengaluru-based Garima Bhatia, Programme Manager at Early Bird, an initiative of the Education and Public Engagement Programme of the Nature Conservation Foundation. "In many ways, they are a lot like us," she says.

Introducing children to the natural world through birds has always been the primary mandate of Early Bird, which has been developing educational material, training nature educators, and conducting outreach initiatives to promote nature education.



One such initiative is the upcoming Young Birders' Month (YBM), steered by a core organising committee with members from Early Bird and WWF-India, including Farida and Garima. This first-of-its-kind nationwide event, which seeks to introduce even more children to the fascinating world of birds, will take place throughout November – chosen because it marks the arrival of migratory birds in many parts of the country, is the birth month of renowned ornithologist Salim Ali and Children's Day.

As part of YBM, several bird walks, games, activities and quizzes will be held. "The thought that there could be a nationwide celebration of birds around Salim Ali's birthday has come to us several times in the past, but it is only this year that we decided to put it into action," says Garima.

The Early Bird team began by approaching WWF, asking them to join the core organising team, and they enthusiastically agreed. What also helped drive this initiative, in addition to WWF and Early Bird's existing networks, was the "fantastic community across the country of organisations and individuals doing nature education, including Bombay Natural History Society, Birdwatchers' Society (West Bengal) and Green Hub," says Garima. This decentralised approach has enabled them to design activities in Chennai, parts of Northeast India, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kolkata. "We have around 35 events up on our website, both online and in-person, at different locations."

One highlight is 'The Wild About India Quiz', an online quiz on India's wilderness and its wild inhabitants, inspired by the *Wild About India* book series by Indian Pitta Kids and Juggernaut. Neha Dara, business head at Roundglass Sustain, who is part of the team organising the quiz, says, "While it is called Young Birders' Month, the essence of it is getting young people excited about the natural world. So we thought we would make it a little more open-ended and not just about birds, and for a wider age group."

The quiz, which is open to children between the ages of seven and 15, will consist of "30 questions and lots of little prizes, so young people are excited and there is gratification for lots of winners," says Chandigarh-based Neha, who believes that collaborations between organisations working in the environmental space are critical."We all have different strengths, and when we come together, we can reach more children. Our endeavour is really that: to broaden the pool of people passionate about the natural world."

Drawing children to the natural world is also something that Guruprasad KR, a passionate nature lover and bird enthusiast, who will be leading a walk titled 'Know Your Surrounding Birds' at Bangalore University on November 8, seeks to do. Sensitising children to nature early in life inevitably leads them to treat the natural environment better as adults, he believes."Youngsters definitely need it. Once children connect with nature and the environment, their curiosity and way of learning change for the better."

To know more or register for events, log on to youngbirders.in

Costumes, clues and cauldrons

From a *Peaky Blinders*-themed gala to a murder mystery party, we pick out Halloween special menus and events in the city

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Bengaluru has some tricks up its sleeve for Halloween. The city's restaurants and bars are pulling out all the stops for this spooky holiday. While some offer you an escape from corporate hell, others are screening cult zombie movies. Here are our favourite Halloween parties in Bengaluru this year.

Dress to kill
Bring out your sharpest suits, as Monkey Bar is celebrating Halloween with a *Peaky Blinders*-inspired event. Titled, By Order of the Monkey Blinders, the event is styled after the British period crime drama featuring Cillian Murphy. The cocktails for the party are chic and stylish, such as the pan de muertos old fashioned made with Patrón Añejo and blood orange picante. Over the weekend they also have other events, such as a karaoke evening and a Day of the Dead party.

On October 31 at Monkey Bar on Museum Road. Prices start from ₹2,500. For details, call 8655464500

Bring the spook
Moxy, the bar and kitchen, will be hosting a special costume Halloween party on October 31. The space will be transformed with eerie lights and daunting decor as the DJ spins haunting melodies. The poolside will be taken over by Club Sunset Cinema for a screening of *Go Goa Gone*, the 2013 Saif Ali Khan zombie flick. The party will include cocktails crafted with Pernod Ricard, Fratelli, and Bacardi.

On October 31 from 7pm at Moxy Bengaluru Airport, Navarathna Agrahara. Prices start from ₹1,999. For details, call 45334000

Mysteries beckon
At Siren, the Asian cocktail bar, get ready to solve some crimes on Halloween. Each table receives a dossier of unsolved cases which they have to solve. There will be clues, red herrings, motives and hand-written confessions along the way. The themed-decor and tequila cocktails will set the mood.
From October 31 to November 2 at Siren, Lavelle Road. Prices start at ₹3,000 for two. For more details, call 07718874933

Scare card
Everyone's favourite neighbourhood bar, Watson's in Indiranagar has a special menu for the occasion. On the food front, try the Halloween mummy bacon wrap chicken (juicy chicken wrapped in crispy bacon bandages) and a fungi delight pizza. Signature cocktails include blood moon, a smokey spooky drink and vampire's kiss, a berry-infused number.

On till October 31 at Watson's Indiranagar. For more details, call 6364877352

Tangled and tingly
The Verandah has a spooky menu for Halloween, which will be especially popular with children. The menu has a bloody beetroot hummus, a witch's brew spinach soup, and a monster eyeball pizza. For something less creepy, go for the seasonal pumpkin risotto. Desserts include graveyard chocolate mousse and a spiderweb cheesecake.

On October 31 from 7pm at The Verandah, Grand Mercure. Prices start from ₹1,950. For more details, call 9008300446

Face off
Tequila brand Don Julio is bringing Día de los Muertos, the Mexican Day of The Dead to Bengaluru at Bastian Garden City, where painted faces and marigold flowers are the motifs. At Bastian, musician Rodolphe Manoukian will be playing tunes, and you can feast on Mexican bites and tequila cocktails.
On November 1 at Bastian. For reservations, call 9880081644.

Sounds of *Kantara*

Ajaneesh Loknath opens up on creating the soundtrack for Rishab Shetty's hit prequel film

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"Music *romba nalla irukku* (music is really good)," said AR Rahman to Ajaneesh Loknath, and for the music composer who grew up listening to the legendary composer's chartbusters, the words of praise for his work in *Kantara: Chapter 1* meant a lot.

Ajaneesh is basking in the biggest success of his career, as *Kantara: Chapter 1* has emerged as India's highest-grossing film of 2025 so far. A decade into his career, the success comes as a fitting milestone for the composer, and it has arrived with his regular collaborator, actor-director Rishab Shetty.

Ajaneesh opens up on the hit 'Brahmakalasha' from *Kantara: Chapter 1* to state Rishab's deep connection with music: "The first 40-50 seconds of the song are enhanced by the use of Alaap [the introductory and improvisational melodic section that sets the tone of a song or a performance]. In the era of musical hooks, it's very rare for an actor or a director to allow a composer to use Alaap in a song. Rishab was very clear from the beginning. He wanted the music to have international standards."

Music of deiva (Left) Ajaneesh Loknath; (right) A still from *Kantara: Chapter 1*. RAVICHANDRAN N AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Brahmakalasha is an arresting devotional song. It has the masterful use of different ragas combined with a soundscape that is authentic to ancient history depicted in the movie. Singer Abby's soulful voice lends further strength to the song, which is also a visual marvel. "Abby's voice is a lot similar to mine. Our voice isn't too masculine. It has a soothing quality that's needed for a song like 'Brahmakalasha'," explains Ajaneesh.

'Madana Mana Mohini,' a melodious love track involving Rishab and Rukmini Vasanth, begins in a captivating fashion. "I used *thanam* [an improvisational technique to elaborate a raga] to start the song. The 'Brahmakalasha' song begins with an instrument. So, this had to be different. The song had to have an element of *shrungara* [element of love]. When I placed a *thanam* at the beginning of the song, it had a charming effect, and Rishab loved the idea."

The romantic number is sung by Vijay Prakash and Ananya Bhat, the duo that sang the popular 'Singara Siriye' from *Kantara* (2022). "I was worried that people would compare 'Madana Mana Mohini' with 'Singara Siriye.' Vijay *ji* instilled confidence in me. He said that my song has the ability to grow gradually on the listener." Vijay was proven right, as the song has slowly gained popularity after initially being under the radar.

Ajaneesh calls *Kantara: Chapter 1* his most challenging project yet, with the week before the release testing his potential to the maximum. "I struggled to score for the climax portion of the movie. It was as if I had reached a dead end. I don't know how, but eventually, just before it was too late, I managed to create the background score in just 30 minutes. We also had to take the output of 25 songs as the film was dubbed in five languages. Till the last moment, I was awaiting many approvals. I believe a divine force helped me sail through these challenges. It's hard to explain," he says.

The composer, who has had a packed couple of years, has *Mark*, starring Sudeep, and *Devil*, headlined by Darshan, coming up next.

High Court stays investigation in Dharmasthala mass burials case

Additional State Public Prosecutor tells court that petitioners had themselves spearheaded movement for registering FIR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday stayed the investigation based on the First Information Report (FIR) registered in July on a complaint of alleged mass burial of bodies of sexually assaulted women in Dharmasthala based on a "voluntary" statement given by a person by name Chinnaiah.

Curiously, the stay order was passed on the petition filed by four activists –Girish Mattennavar, Mahesh Shetty Thimarody, T. Jayant, and Vittala Gowda – who are at the forefront of a campaign for registration of a criminal case on the allegation of burials, and for constitution of a Special Investigation Team (SIT).

The SIT had recently issued notice to them under Section 35 (3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, suspecting them to have indulged in cognisable offence in projecting a false case, instead of treating them as witnesses as done earlier.

A file photo of the police at one site of the alleged mass burials in in Dharmasthala.

Registration 'illegal'

Advocate S. Balakrishnan, appearing for the petitioners, contended that the registration of the FIR itself was "illegal" as the offences alleged in the complaint filed, based on the statements of Chinnaiah (who was earlier treated as "protected witness" and arraigned as an accused now) had disclosed only non-cognisable offence, and the police could not have registered the FIR without the permission from the magistrate.

When Additional State Public Prosecutor B.N. Jagadeesha pointed to the court that the police had registered the FIR only after taking permission from the magistrate, another advocate Deepak Khosla, also appearing for the petitioners, said that though the magistrate had granted permission, it was "not a speaking order" in terms of the Supreme Court's judgments. Hence, it was not enforceable in the eyes of the law.

Meanwhile, Mr. Jagadeesha pointed out to the court that the petitioners themselves had spearheaded the movement for registering FIR besides giving shelter to Chinnaiah.

He also pointed out that Chinnaiah, in his confession statement, had admitted that information initially given by him on mass burial was false and that he had acted on the advice of the petitioners and others.

Mr. Balakrishnan also said that this was the ninth notice to the petitioners since registration of the case and they answered questions for nearly 150 hours in the office of the SIT earlier while also challenging the present notice issued to them through WhatsApp.

However, Mr. Jagadeesha told the court that earlier notices given to petitioners were as witnesses and the present notice was issued treating them as accused, based on the confession statement of Chinnaiah, who was working as a sanitary worker in Dharmasthala between 1995-2014. The Additional SPP also clarified to the court that though the notice was issued on October 24 through WhatsApp, now fresh notices have been issued to them in writing asking them to appear for questioning during November first week.

Justice Mohammad Nawaz, who heard the arguments, initially ordered that the SIT should not harass the petitioners in the guise of investigation.

Later, the court changed the order stating that the SIT should not summon the petitioners till next date of hearing after Mr. Khosla insisted some protection.

Finally, the court stayed investigation based on the FIR after Mr. Khosla persistently urged the court to stay notices issued to the petitioner and criminal proceedings.

Southwest Monsoon losses: State to seek ₹1,545 crore Central aid from NDRF

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister says State is seeking funds for infrastructure reconstruction from the Centre for the first time

The Karnataka government has decided to seek ₹1,545 crore from the Centre to take up recovery and reconstruction from the National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF) towards losses to infrastructure during floods, heavy rains, and riverine flooding during the Southwest Monsoon across the State.

According to Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil, who spoke at the post-Cabinet briefing on Thursday, Karnataka is seeking funds for infrastructure reconstruction from the Centre for the first time. When asked if there was any precedence of other States seeking funding on similar lines, he said: "Maharashtra has received funds and so too have several other States. Though the actual damage of infrastructure is more than ₹5,000 crore in Karnataka, we have sought ₹1,545 crore as per the NDRF norms."

Heavy rainfall and flooding during the monsoon in 2025 has claimed 56 human lives and 461 animal lives, while damaging 13,142 houses, including 5,091 completely damaged, the Cabinet note said. There has been a significant damage to critical infrastructure that includes 8,462 km of various roads, 2,896 schools, 164 primary health centres, 17 CHCs, and 2,017 anganwadis. As many as 208 minor tanks have been breached or damaged. In electrical infrastructure. Significant damages to 45,771 electricity poles, 2,801 transformers, and 830.8 km of electrical wires have been reported.

The note pointed to the August 14, 2024, letter of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs that has issued guidelines on the constitution and administration of the recovery and reconstruction funding window under the NDRF and the SDRF norms.

"Funding for recovery and reconstruction window from NDRF is meant to assist the State to provide additional funds in case of severe disaster where the expenditure is beyond the coping capacity," it said, quoting from the guidelines.

The note said that the recovery and reconstruction plan has been formulated to seek financial assistance based on the ground assessment by the district administration and line departments concerned.

New software

Among other decisions, Mr. Patil said that the Cabinet has approved the development of a software in house for the Stamps and Registration Department, and setting up of eight technology business incubators under Karnataka Startup Policy at a cost of ₹10 crore each in Mysuru, Dharwad, Mangaluru, Shivamogga, Belagavi, Bagalkot, and Bengaluru.

RSS route march: HC orders for another meeting on November 5

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday directed the Kalaburagi district administration to hold one more meeting on November 5 on the issue of granting permission to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to conduct its route march in Chittapur.

This was after the court was informed that an earlier meeting, held on October 28, remained "incomplete" owing to the absence of a petitioner, who had knocked the doors of the court against the denial of permission for the march.

Justice M.G.S. Kamal passed the interim order after Advocate-General Shashi Kiran Shetty pointed out that the petitioner, Ashok Patil, convener of the RSS route march, Chittapur, did not appear for the earlier meeting, even though the notice was served to him.

However, senior advocate Aruna Shyam M., appearing for the petitioner, pointed out to the court that the petitioner, in response to the notice, had sent his three representatives owing to a bereavement in his family.

The district administration, Mr. Shyam said, did not ask the petitioner's advocates to attend the meeting through there was a direction from the court in this regard, while pointing out that the meeting was held in a cordial manner. The petitioner's representatives had made it clear that they had no objection for allowing other organisations to hold their rallies on different days.

Purpose not achieved

While observing that the presence of the petitioner was very essential for the district administration to take a decision, the court said that it would hear the petition on its merit as the purpose, for which the meeting was ordered to be held, could not be achieved owing to the petitioner's absence.

At this stage, the petitioner's advocate said that the petitioner was prepared to attend personally if he was called again, and the court accepted this request as the A-G also informed the court that that the district administration would hold one more meeting as it wants to resolve the issue.

Though the petitioner's advocate said that the district administration could grant permission for the rallies of other organisations, the A-G said that the administration wants to consider the petitioner's plea for granting permission for the route march.

Next meeting

Following this, the court directed the district administration to hold one more meeting on November 5 in the office of the A-G in the presence of the A-G, the petitioner's advocates, Mr. Shyam and Kadloor Sathyanarayanacharya.

The court orally said that it is not setting the tone for the meeting but it should set a right path for the things in future. The court also said that participation in the November 5 meeting could also be allowed through videoconference.

Nod granted for march in Gurmitkal

The Hindu Bureau
YADGIR

Deputy Commissioner of Yadgir Harshal Bhoyar has granted permission to the RSS to hold a route march in Gurmitkal town on October 31. The decision was taken after obtaining a report from the Home Department and the Gurmitkal police inspector, who reviewed the route.

Governor hospitalised with fever

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has been admitted to Manipal Hospitals (Old Airport Road) with high fever. Sources said the fever was caused by a urinary infection. A statement from the hospital said: "the Governor is unwell and admitted due to high fever. Investigations are being done and required treatment is being extended at the hospital."

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE PRINCIPAL MUNSIFF'S COURT AT ERNAKULAM
IA NO. 5 OF 2024
IN
OS NO. 1229 OF 2022

PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF
Careon Healthcare Solutions (P) Ltd., Kinfra Hi-Tech Bio Technology Park, HMT Colony, Kochi, Pin-683503 represented by its power of Attorney holder **Mr. JOHN M.M., aged 40 years, S/o Mathachan, Mashnithara House, Aroor PO, Cherthala Taluk, Alappuzha District, Pin-688534, Accounts Manager of the plaintiff.**

RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT
Mr. BINOY PHILIP, Proprietor, SAFE N CARE SURGICALS, Vinayaka Floor, Near Jeppu Bolar Road, Mangalore, Pin-575001.

To,
Take notice that an IA No. 5 of 2024 in OS No. 1229/2022 of Principal Munsiff's Court, Ernakulam has been presented by Advocate Sri. K N Chandrababu on behalf of the plaintiff against the defendant shown above and posted for hearing on the 10th day of November 2025.
If no appearance is made on your behalf by yourself or by your pleader, or by someone by law authorized to act for you in the above case, it will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 27th day of October 2025.

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ADVOCATE — BY THE ORDER
K. N. CHANDRABABU — CENTRAL NAZAR

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ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ/ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರಣ್ಯ/ಸಿ.ವಿಲ್ (ಪಿಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಡಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ : 2406–04–103–1–05–Interest-140–Minor Works ಯಡಿ **ತಿತಿಮತಿ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ವಲಯದ ಪಂಚವಳ್ಳಿ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಸುತ್ತ 520 ಮೀ. ಚೈನ್ ಲಿಂಕ್ ಮೇಶ್ ಅಳವಡಿಸಲು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು** ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು **ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ 2.0 Version** ಮೂಲಕ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ : 14–11–2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00** ಗಂಟೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಾರದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡನೇ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 24–11–2025ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ವೃತ್ತ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ / ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ವಲಯ ತಿತಿಮತಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 08272–228505, ತಿತಿಮತಿ ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ವಲಯ 08274–263244.

ಸಹಿ/– ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ) ಕಚೇರಿ

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (kppp) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ Service ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ **(kppp)** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ **(kppp)** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ / ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ದಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ : 31/10/2025** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ) ಹು.ಧಾ.ಮ.ಪಾ ಕಚೇರಿಗೆ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಬಹುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ) ಹು.ಧಾ.ಮ.ಪಾ ಸರ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ	ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಂ.	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
SERVICE	1	DMA/2025-26/SE5914/CALL-2	5.00	25000.00
	2	DMA/2024-25/SE4094	128.00	192000.00
	3	DMA/2024-25/SE4093	149.00	224000.00

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. 1 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07/11/2025** ರವರೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10/11/2025** ರಂದು **ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 11.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. 2 ಮತ್ತು 3 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15/11/2025** ರವರೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17/11/2025ರಂದು ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 11.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ : 18/11/2025** ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಅಥವಾ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾದ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ : 06–11–2025** ರಂದು **16.30** ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ, ಸಂಭಾವ್ಯ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ : 07/11/2025 ರಂದು 11.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/810/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿ1/2025–26

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ)
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the works mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible (Civil) Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the Work : Formation of Industrial Layout, including Construction of Roads, of RCC Side Drains, RCC Ducts, RCC Cross Drainage Works, Retaining wall, Nala Training Works, HDPE Dual Water supply pipe line, OHT, GLSR, Borewell, Raising Main & RWH at Sector-5 in Devanahalli General Industrial Area Phase-2 (ITIR Phase-2), Doddaballapura & Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. (2nd Call)

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **24.11.2025** upto **4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3518/NR/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA

No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1,2, JE-1:Tender-38:2025-26 Dated:- 30.10.2025

SHOR TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- Two Cover System:- Head of Account 5054-04-337-0-01-154 MDR Improvements (1) Improvements to Road from Malenahalli to Hanumali Village via R Nulenuru in Holalkere Taluk (W.I. 27841)/Call-2 Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-300.00 **One Cover System :- Head of Account 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH Maintenance :- (2)** Road Safety Works on State Highway Roads in Challakere Taluk (W.I. 28595)/Call-2 Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-11.20 **SC Reserved :- Head of Account 3054-04-337-1-10-200 MDR Maintenance :- (3)** Annual Maintenance of Javagondanahalli to Yalladakere road via Obalapura, Veeravvanagathihalli, Chigalikatte road Km 0.00 to 1.00, 3.45 to 9.23 and 16.97 to 23.70 Km in Hiriyur taluk (W.I. 28764) Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-38.65 **CAT-II(A) Reserved :- Head of Account 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH Maintenance :- (4)** Annual maintenance of Highway connecting Ekkumbi with Molakalmuru (SH-2) KM 161.42 to 168.72 in Molakalmuru Taluk (W.I. 28321) Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-22.00

Sl. No. 1 Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 12-11-2025 Time: 17.30 Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 13-11-2025 Time: 16.00 Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 14-11-2025 Time: 16.15 Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 17-11-2025 Time: 11.00

Sl. No. 02 to 04 Tenders dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 06-11-2025 Time: 17.30 Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 07-11-2025 Time: 16.00 Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 10-11-2025 Time: 16.15 Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/450/2025-26 — Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Chitradurga.

Two die, two critical after suspected suicide pact

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two persons died while two others were admitted to hospital after they allegedly attempted to end life due to a financial problems, in Devanahalli on Thursday.

In the tragic incident reported from Hengahalli in Devanahalli on Thursday, four members of a family allegedly consumed pesticide, leading to a suspected case of suicide pact. The victims have been identified as Arun (35), Kumar (60), while Rama (55) and Akashya (25) have been admitted to hospital.

Initial probe revealed that the victims had been facing severe financial problems after incurring heavy losses in their real estate business. The police said the head of the family, Kumar, worked as a priest, and the family had invested in property ventures.

(Those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahaya Vani ph.104 for help).

Tunnel road row: DKS, Tejasvi spat continues

TheBengaluru South MP is childish and does not have any experience, charges Deputy CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

MP for Bengaluru South Tejasvi Surya and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar continued to lock horns over the proposed tunnel road project in Bengaluru.

A few days after both leaders held discussions, Mr. Surya lashed out at Mr. Shivakumar for his remark that 'people cannot be stopped from using cars' and 'there is hesitation to marry a boy who do not own a car'. He remarked that the Deputy Chief Minister seems to want a tunnel road to solve a social problem.

Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya with Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar in Bengaluru recently.

For car owners

Defending his argument against the tunnel project, Mr. Surya said, "Mr. Shivakumar seems to think the entire city owns cars. As per RTO records, only 12% of Bengalureans own cars. What about the rest? Are they not getting married or leading family lives?"

Reacting to Mr. Surya's remark, Mr. Shivakumar said, "He is childish and does not have any experience. Out of respect for his position, I called him for a meeting, and now he is talking nonsense." He went on to sugget that Mr. Surya can ban all tunnel projects in the country once he becomes a Union Minister.

Continuing his attack, he further said, "Why is he (Mr. Surya) travelling by car? Let him and his family travel by metro and government buses. Let the MLAs of his party travel by metro and autorickshaws. Why do they need cars? He has to realise that there are about 1.3 crore vehicles in Bengaluru, and we can't tell all of them use public transport," he added.

Continuing his tirade, he demanded that Mr. Surya and his party workers bring more funds from the Centre.

"The Centre gives only 11 to 12% of funds for Namma Metro, and the rest is borne by the State government," he said.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that if senior leaders from BJP, such as R. Ashok, C.N. Ashwathnarayan, or Jagadish Shettar ask questions, he was willing to reply 'because they understand the ground realities.' He demanded to know where the land was available to do BRTS and if Mr. Surya was 'even aware of the costs involved in the land acquisition for these projects'.

Save Lalbagh protest

The BJP will stage a protest titled 'Save Lalbagh, Protect Bengaluru' on Sunday to oppose the Bengaluru Twin Tunnel Road Project, announced Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok. "With the Bihar elections approaching, they might be pushing this project to make money," Mr. Ashok alleged.

Prakash Raj

70 persons selected for Rajyotsava award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the occasion of the Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations on November 1, the State government on Thursday announced its annual Rajyotsava awards for 70 personalities for their contributions in different fields.

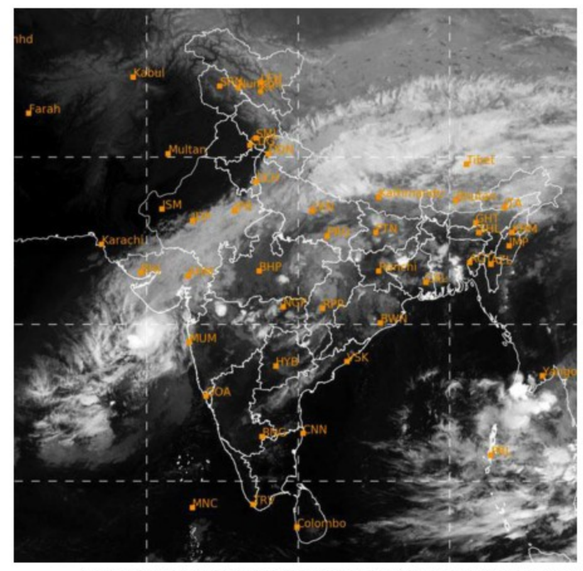
Writers including Rajendra Chenni, Rahamath Tarikere, R. Sunandamma, and H.L. Pushpa, multilingual actor Prakash Raj, actor Vijayalakshmi Singh, former IAS officer H. Siddaiah, and M.R. Jayaram of Ramaiah University are among the 70 people selected for the award for 2025.

The award carries an amount of ₹5 lakh, a 25-gram gold medal, and a citation.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will present the awards at a function to be held on Saturday. A committee headed by the Chief Minister selected persons for the award, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi told mediapersons.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.45 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Bihar, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Konkan & Goa and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.1	25.0	Kozhikode	2	33.0	25.0
Ahmedabad	—	25.5	24.5	Kurnool	0.1	32.5	22.1
Aizawl	—	31.2	19.4	Lucknow	0.2	23.9	22.8
Allahabad	0.5	26.5	21.6	Madurai	—	36.4	23.4
Bengaluru	—	28.5	18.9	Mangaluru	—	31.0	23.6
Bhopal	—	24.0	19.2	Mumbai	—	30.3	24.5
Bhubaneswar	4.6	31.2	24.6	Mysuru	—	29.0	17.0
Chandigarh	—	32.0	16.9	New Delhi	—	27.0	20.1
Chennai	—	35.1	25.6	Patna	2	24.8	22.5
Coimbatore	—	32.4	22.2	Port Blair	27	29.2	25.2
Dehradun	—	29.5	16.4	Puducherry	—	33.8	26.0
Gangtok	4	16.0	13.8	Pune	27.4	30.3	21.1
Goa	66	32.2	23.5	Raipur	0.8	28.1	23.3
Guwahati	—	29.4	23.7	Ranchi	10	26.1	21.4
Hubballi	—	28.0	19.0	Shillong	38	21.0	14.6
Hyderabad	35	29.6	21.8	Shimla	—	24.2	13.2
Imphal	—	31.1	23.1	Srinagar	—	23.2	3.7
Jaipur	2	24.3	20.6	Thiruvananthapuram	8	32.0	24.5
Kochi	17	31.2	24.2	Tiruchi	—	35.1	24.0
Kohima	—	24.4	18.3	Vijayawada	4.3	31.4	24.2
Kolkata	51	31.8	24.5	Visakhapatnam	21	30.4	23.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.25	.32	.32	70	73	
Bengaluru	.—	.23	104	48	68	
Chennai	.15	.22	.37	130	98	
Delhi	.46	100	.74	401	372	
Hyderabad	.14	.19	.38	56	97	
Kolkata	.7	.59	.27	16	26	
Lucknow	.8	.71	.38	87	89	
Mumbai	.21	3	169	2	19	
Pune	.—	.26	.21	116	126	
Visakhapatnam	.17	.53	.14	53	70	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Rohtak, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 426 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Kunjemura, Chhattisgarh recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Umashree to receive Dr. Rajkumar Award

Umashree

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Veteran film and theatre person Umashree has been chosen for Dr. Rajkumar Award for lifetime achievement in Kannada cinema.

The State government on Thursday announced the recipients of the 2019 State Film Lifetime Achievement and Literary Awards. The awards will be presented at a ceremony in Mysuru on November 3, which will also include the presentation of the 2018 and 2019 State Film Awards.

N.R. Nanjunde Gowda has been selected for the Puttanna Kanagal Award, which honors outstanding contributions to direction in Kannada cinema, while the Dr. Vishnuvardhan Award will go to filmmaker Richard Castelino. Each of these awards carries a cash prize of ₹5 lakh and a gold medal.

In the literary category, the State Film Literature Award for 2019 has been conferred on senior journalist Raghunath Ch.Ha. for his book *"Belli Tore - Cinema Essays,"* published by Ankita Prakashana. Both the author and the publisher will receive ₹20,000 in cash and a silver medal each.

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ASGAR KHAN S/o Akbar Khan R/o–8/1 7th cross Lingargapuram St Thomas Town Bangalore–560045 changed my minor Daughter's name from AALIYAH KHAN ASGAR KHAN to AALIYAH KHAN aged 16 Years.

I, Helen Maria Asumpta R/o 100E, Shalom, Esther Enclave layout, 8th Cross, Jayanthi Nagar, Horamavu, B'lore-560043 have changed my name to Assumpth Francis for all purposes.

We, Mano Srinivasan and Karthiyayini Mano, holders of Indian nationality and parents of Kritin Mano Mano Srinivasan, holder of Indian Passport No. C9613545, having a permanent address at Door No. 18, Brindavan Nagar, Bodipalayam, Seerapalayam, Madukkarai P.O., Coimbatore Rural, Tamil Nadu – 641105, India, and currently residing in Kuwait, hereby declare as follows: Our son's name shall henceforth be read and written as: Given Name: Kritin Surname: Mano. This declaration is made by us, being the parents and legal guardians of our minor son Kritin, for all official and legal purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT PRODDATUR
IA No. 628/2022
OS No. 66/2022

K. Sailaja W/o B. Rama Mohan Reddy, D.No. 3-5, Narsimhan Nagar, 1st Street, Annai Satya Nagar, Main Road, Ramapuram, Chennai-89
... Petitioner / Plaintiff
V/s
(16) M. Bhavani Sankar S/o M. Venkata Subbaiah, Villa No. 92, Peninsula - Prakruthi, Ittanagur Road, Behind Someswara Temple, Sarjapura, Bangalore, Karnataka.
... Respondent / Purposed R16

NOTICE to R16

పై నెంబరు దావాను భాగం పరిష్కారం కొరకు దావా దాఖలు చేసియున్నారు. అయితే IA No. 628/2022గా 16వ రెస్పాండెంట్ అయిన మిమ్మల్ని దావాల్ చేర్చుటకుగాను **తేది. 21-11-2025**న **ఉ॥ గం॥ 10.30 వి॥లకు** మీరుగానీ, మీ తరపున వకీలు గారు గానీ హాజరై ఆక్షేపణలు తెలుపు కోవలెను. అట్లు హాజరు కానంతట మీపై పరోక్షంగా తీర్మాణించబడును. వాయిదా తేది. 21-11-2025
ఇట్లు
K. SATYA NARAYANA,
Advocate Proddatur.
Cell: 9440074569
M VANI, Advocate, Tirupati

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE I ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE (SR. DN.) AT HASSAN
FDP 6/2022
PETITIONERS
1. SMT. RUKMANI, aged about 59 years. W/o late. H.N. Srinivas R/o C-35, Whistling woods Apartment, Harohalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore 560064.
RESPONDENTS
1. GUNDAMMA AND OTHERS
3. N. VIJAYAKUMAR, dead by LRs
3(b), V. Madhusudhan, aged about 40 years, S/o Late Vijayakumar, R/o No. 46, Road No. 2, Diamond Hills, Anjali Gardens, Mainkonda, Hyderabad 500089.
COURT SUMMONS TO THE RESPONDENT NO. 3(B)
Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petition, on the strength of the judgement and decree in O.S.86/2017, dated 06.04.2021, on the file of the I Additional Civil Judge(Sr Dn), Hassan. The respondent No. 3(b) are residing in the address as mentioned in the cause title.
The respondent No. 3(b) is hereby summoned to appear before this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all materials questions relating to the petition (or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions) on 25/11/2025 at 11.00 AM, without fail.
Take further notice, that in default of your appearance on the day and hour before mentioned, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court this 27/10/2025.
By the order of the court.
SHIRASTEDAR
Principal Civil Judge, (Sr Dn), Hassan.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
The general public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property. If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s **within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication,** failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the owner as if there are no third party claims / objections / disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Survey No. 71/1 measuring a total of 1 Acre and 37 Guntas situated at Kodiganahalli Village, Manchenahalli Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District and bounded on the **East** - Sy. No. 72, **West** - Sy. No. 67/1 and 67/4, **North** - Road and **South** - Sy. No. 70.
Brunda Rao
Advocate
Manbru Associates #65, Pristine Hill View Elitus Euphoria, Tarabanahalli Bengaluru - 562157 Tel: 9449071612

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, C.V. Raman Nagara Division, 12th Main Road, 8th Cross, Indiranagara, Bengaluru-560038.
No: EE/CVR/Tender-11/Corrigendum-1/2025-26 Dated: 29.10.2025

CORRIGENDUM-01

Sub: Regarding postponement of Tender process dates
Ref:(1) Tender Notification No:EE/CVR/TEND/11/2025-26, Dated:25.08.2025
Ref:(2) The Tender was invited as per reference (1) for 46 works of C.V. Raman Nagara Division, due to technical reasons the said Tender dates are postponed. The postponed tender dates are as fallowes
2. The Tender shall be submitted on or before **10.11.2025** at **4:00 pm** through e-procurement website
3. The Tenders will be opening on **11.11.2025** at **4:30 pm**
More details may be availed from the above office during working hours and also through website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
C.V. Raman Nagara Division

Government of Karnataka
BENGALURU URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
O/o Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division
First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road,
Banashankari (Near Banashankari Temple) Bengaluru-560070.
No.EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/JE-1/24/2025-26 Dated: 29.10.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATON
KPPP Tender Notice, Two Cover System

Tenders are invited through KPPP Portal by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For 5054/2023-24 Grants Works. (RDPR/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT13802/CALL-2, & RDPR/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT13632/CALL-2) The work details can obtained from the KPPP Web Site The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before **Dated: 06.11.2025 upto 4.00 pm**. Further details can be obtained from web site at **http://www.KPPP.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
Bangalore Urban Dist, Bangalore
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Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)
No. SE(E)/Tr(O)C-N/EE(E)/EE(E)-2/AE(E)F-T6/25-26/1921 Date: 30.10.2025
KPTCL invites tenders vide Tender No: **KPTCL/2025-26/IND0226/Call-3** for Design, Manufacture, Testing and supply of 8290 meters of 19Cx2.5Sqmm Control Cable to various sub-stations coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (Operation) Circle-North, KPTCL, Bengaluru.
Note: The bid will be received through KPP Portal mode only. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry can be got by logging on to Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **31.10.2025.** Any Additional information shall be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Ele.),
Transmission(Operation) Circle-North, KPTCL,
U.A.S. Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560 024.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client proposes to purchase of the immovable properties (more fully described in the Schedule given below and hereinafter referred as the "Schedule Property"), with its owners namely, **(1) Mrs. Athiba Azhar Khan,** No. TH 96, Zuari Garden City, KRS Main Road, Hulikere, Mandya), **(2) Mrs. M. Anisa Athhar**, No. 541/1, 7th Main, AT Halli, Behind ICICI Bank, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru and **(3) Mrs. Mohamed Ahsana Asgar,** No. 181, Sixteen Mile Dr, Oakville, Ontario, L6MOT7, all daughters of Late. Mohamed Moula.
All persons having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by waiver, inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property described herein below are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained after such period and our client will proceed with the proposed purchase of the Scheduled Property on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever with respect thereto.
:SCHEDULE:
Item No. 1 : ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable Residential Property bearing **Site No. 3333/6 M-4,** Property No. 5066806867, measuring East to West 33.52 mtrs and North to South 11.73 mtrs, totally measuring 394.28 Sqmtrs, Situated at Anegundi Road, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru City and bounded on: **East By:** Anegundi Road, **West By:** Property No. 3333/3, **North By:** Property No. 3333/6 M-4/1,**South By:** Property No. 3333/7.
Item No. 2 :ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable Residential Property bearing **House No. 3333/3,** Property No. 43-2-125-186, measuring East to West 47.70 mtrs and North to South 12.64 mtrs, totally measuring 603.38 Sqmtrs and building constructed thereon, Situated at Wesley Road, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru City and bounded on: **East By:** Private Property, **West By:** Wesley Road, **North By:** Property No. 3333/3A, **South By:** Private Property.
Date:31.10.2025
Place: Mysuru
ROHITH K.C,
Office: 1st Floor, K.G. Koppal, Mysuru - 570009.
Res: Door No. 450, SVP Nagar, Nadanahalli, Mysuru - 570028.
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3. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 10.11.2025 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 10.30 ಕ್ಕೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/) ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
ಸಹಿ/–
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ನಂ.2ನೇ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
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Abstract Bid Notification
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RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION

1) No. KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3622 Dated: 24/10/2025 for Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Unit DG Sets. **EMD :** Rs 5,991/-. **Last date & time for on-line submission of tenders:** 08-11-2025 11:30 Hrs. Further details can be had from the Office of the Executive Engineer (ODY) RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar, Mob: 91-9449599139, Email ID: eeodyrtps@gmail.com.
2) **No. KPCI/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3608, Dtd: 18-10-2025** for Carrying out Fire Brigade Activities and Operation of the fire tenders, firefighting system /fire extinguishers/Emergency services at Bellary Thermal Power Station, Kudithini, Bellary. **EMD :** Rs. 2,00,000/-. **Amount Put To Tender :** Rs.1,25,03,835/-. per Annum. **Last date & time for receipt of tenders:** 03-11-2025 17:30 Hrs. Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (Safety), BTPS, Kudithini-583115, Bellary-District. Cell No.9448290770.
3) No. KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3617 Dated: 23/10/2025 for Comprehensive annual maintenance contract for 03 Nos of AIC make Continuous Stack Emission Monitoring system (Sox.Nox analyser) installed at RTPS, Units 2 to 4 for a period of One year. **EMD:** 2% of quoted amount Rs. 25,488/-. **Last date & time for receipt of tenders:** 06-11-2025 17:00 Hrs. Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (1)OLA-1, RTPS/KPCL. Shakthinagar 584170, Raichur District, Mob: +91 9480830445.

BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION

1) No.KPCL/2025-26/IND2112 for Procurement of Gland Packing. **2) No.KPCL/2025-26/IND2110** for Procurement of Chain pulley blocks. **3) No.KPCL/2025-26/IND2111** for Procurement of Clamp pad for Wagon tippler 3. **4) No.KPCL/2025-26/IND2060** for Procurement of Power Supply Modules. **5) No.KPCL/2025-26/IND1812/CALL-2** for Procurement of Butterfly Valves. **6) No.KPCL/2025-26/IND2028** for Procurement of 220KV Clamps & Connectors. **7) No.KPCL/2025-26/IND2039/CALL-2** for Procurement of ILMS contactors, fuses & cables.
Last date fo receipt of tenders : For Sl. No. 1 to 3 & 5 : 04.11.2025. For Sl. No. 4 & 7 : 03.11.2025. For Sl. No. 6 : 11.11.2025. Further details can be had from the office of the Office of the Executive Engineer (Purchase) BT, BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini, Bellary District, Karnataka, Mobile No. 09480830377. E-mail: repurchasebtps@gmail.com.

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Meaningless truce

Netanyahu is making a mockery of the ceasefire agreement

When the U.S.-brokered ceasefire took effect in Gaza on October 10, a big question that loomed over all parties was whether Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who accepted the truce under pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump, would honour his commitments once the hostages were released. Barely three weeks later, Mr. Netanyahu, who had vowed to destroy Hamas, found a convenient pretext to resume strikes. He accused Hamas of violating the ceasefire, and claimed that the remains returned by the group were the body parts of a hostage already retrieved. Several hostages are believed to have been buried under the rubble, while Gaza's officials and Egyptian excavators continue struggling to locate and identify bodies of captives. On Tuesday, Israel said militants fired anti-tank missiles at soldiers in Rafah, southern Gaza, killing one soldier – Hamas has denied any involvement. Mr. Netanyahu ordered retaliatory strikes, killing 104 Palestinians overnight, including 46 children and 20 women. After the assault, Israel announced that the ceasefire was back in effect – but what kind of a ceasefire is Israel observing if it has the freedom to carry out devastating attacks on Palestinian civilians?

While the ceasefire offered a respite to the Palestinians from daily Israeli bombardments and allowed the release of hostages and Palestinian prisoners, the absence of any credible enforcement mechanism makes it extremely fragile. Israeli troops still control roughly 55% of Gaza's territory. It would be unrealistic to expect that the Palestinians, who were bombed and displaced repeatedly over 24 months, would quietly accept the Israeli military occupation. Hamas has enforced its control in the rest of Gaza. Within Israel, Mr. Netanyahu's far-right coalition allies want the war to continue and Gaza ethnically cleansed of Palestinians. Despite the deep mistrust, all sides agreed to the ceasefire largely under U.S. pressure – Hamas needed a reprieve and Israel wanted its hostages back. The next stage of Mr. Trump's peace plan is even more controversial as it calls for Hamas's disarmament, which it has not agreed to. If Mr. Trump is serious about the peace push, he must own his plan and build mechanisms that ensure both sides adhere to their commitments. His boastful talk about peace will mean little if he allows Israel to continue to kill Palestinian civilians with impunity, while claiming that the ceasefire remains in place. For any truce to endure, Israeli troops must withdraw from Gaza and a new Palestinian administration should be in charge of the enclave. What Palestinians in Gaza desperately need is assistance for recovery, resettlement and reconstruction – not more bombs.

Out of the fortress

Tiger conservation policy rightly sees people as stakeholders, not trespassers

A new Union Tribal Affairs Ministry policy framework is a reminder that India's conservation strategy is not a fortress conservation model but one in which protecting the country's tigers is a social contract. The policy's foremost virtue is reiteration that people living near or inside forests cannot be relocated until the Forest Rights Act (FRA) 2006 process has been completed, affirming that they are stakeholders, not trespassers. This view has sadly been falling out of favour with a government that is increasingly seeing forests solely for their climate utility and a judiciary keen to settle long-standing disputes. The policy casting relocation as an "exceptional" measure also overturns the 2024 National Tiger Conservation Authority directive to remove villages en masse from tiger reserves. Instead of treating humans and tigers as mutually exclusive, the framework promotes research and pilot projects on sustainable co-habitation that could help redefine tiger conservation through a more socially legitimate, and possibly more resilient model. Its invocation of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act for unlawful evictions and a three-tier system for redress also provide a safety net rarely available to these communities.

This said, forest-dependent communities have varied needs: some expect hospitals and schools while others fight to preserve traditional lifestyles. Equally, tigers are sensitive and the reason many conservationists believe human-free core zones are essential to conserve apex predators. A national mission to protect tigers on scientific terms needs to ensure such tracts. Fundamentally, while a national policy protects rights, fine-grained mechanisms sensitive to particular local conditions are crucial for people and tigers to sustainably coexist. Such mechanisms are however beyond the ability of top-level Ministries. The conservation establishment is likely to resist the new policy because it could slow efforts to consolidate tiger habitats and increase the implementation burden, potentially leading to dual policies on the ground. In fact, conservation in India is largely controlled by Forest Departments under the Environment Ministry and States have wide latitude in implementing the FRA. Even in places where local departments wield significant control, forced relocations may continue in States that do not enforce the proposed National Framework for Community-Centred Conservation and Relocation. While existing policy defines compensation criteria and the minimum inviolate area for a sustainable population, their implementation often violates established principles. Just as the fortress model has often been insensitive to people's rights in practice, exiting it should not mean entering one in which India's natural riches can be forsworn.

AI's rewriting of the rules of education

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India is gearing up to turn its education system on its head by introducing Artificial Intelligence (AI) to students as early as class three from the academic year in 2026-27. This is no small feat. The Ministry of Education, in synchrony with the National Education Policy 2020, is crafting a comprehensive framework to weave AI learning through the entire K-12 tapestry (kindergarten to class 12). The goal is to arm the future workforce with cutting-edge tech skills to thrive in a techno-driven economy.

Teacher training and pilot projects

But throwing AI into classrooms is not just plug-and-play. The real challenge lies in upskilling a mammoth teaching force of over one crore educators in India. The government is rolling out pilot initiatives allowing teachers to harness AI tools to design lesson plans and teaching resources. Over 10,000 teachers have already been trained since 2019 with help from technology giants Intel, IBM, and government institutes such as the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology. The goal is to equip educators who can impart AI concepts confidently and practically. But how ready are India's teachers to morph into AI guides? What are the obstacles in this massive transition? How ready teachers are will dictate how successful the AI revolution becomes.

AI is not just about introducing new content. It promises a colossal shift away from "one-size-fits-all" education to personalisation. AI-powered platforms analyse student behaviour, learning speed, and comprehension to tailor lessons that meet individual needs. If a student struggles with algebra, the AI tutor offers extra practice and alternative explanations. If a student is good in biology, he can get ready for more advanced challenges, with AI. Such adaptive learning not only boosts engagement but also dismantles barriers for diverse student populations, including those with disabilities or regional language needs.

> India's bold initiative to introduce AI in early education is a transformative step, but there are challenges

Despite its transformative potential, AI is designed to augment, not replace, the human element in education. The focus is on enhancing human judgment, creativity and critical thinking through smart tools. AI automates repetitive tasks such as grading and attendance, freeing teachers to spend more time on meaningful engagement with students. It acts as a powerful assistant in personalised lesson planning and real-time feedback, amplifying the effectiveness of educators. So, while AI is shaking up the classroom, there is still no substitute for a passionate teacher who drives learning with empathy and insight.

Opportunity amid disruption

As AI reshapes education, it also signals seismic workforce changes. According to a recent NITI Aayog report, while AI could displace up to two million jobs in India's tech sector over the next five years, it is also projected to create four million new jobs by 2030, jobs that demand new skills and adaptability. This is a dual-edged sword that calls for the urgent preparation of today's learners.

By embedding AI in early education, India aims to create a workforce that is ready for a digital economy, and not left behind by rapid automation. But are students and educators prepared to embrace this whirlwind of change? The question is not just about job loss or creation but about shaping a resilient workforce that can ride the AI wave.

Generative AI technology, which creates new content based on patterns in data, is already gaining traction in Indian education. More than half of India's higher education institutes are incorporating generative AI to enhance teaching and learning. From AI chatbots that answer student queries 24X7 to platforms that create interactive quizzes and personalised study materials, generative AI is making education more engaging and tailored. This explosion of AI tools could narrow the learning gap significantly in India's vast and diverse education landscape. It is a frontier full of promise but also challenges that are related to access, quality and ethics.

Driving inclusivity and accessibility

Perhaps the most heartening impact of AI in education is its role in fostering inclusivity. AI-powered adaptive learning and language processing tools break down barriers for non-native speakers and learners with disabilities. The customisation of educational content can create equitable learning environments. In countries that are multicultural and multilingual like India, this AI-driven push for inclusiveness could rewrite the rules of who gets to learn and how. Could AI be the great equaliser that education systems worldwide have long sought? The signs are promising, but deliberate design and policy are critical.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EDUCATION

India's bold initiative to weave AI into early education signals a massive transformation in how knowledge is imparted, how teachers teach, and how students engage with learning. The revolution comes with challenges: teacher training at scale, ensuring equitable access to AI tools, and preparing students for jobs that do not even exist.

Are Indian schools truly ready for this AI overhaul? Can the education system keep pace with rapid technological advancements without leaving disadvantaged communities behind? Only time will tell. But one thing is clear: the rules of education are being rewritten right before our eyes, and AI is the pen scripting this brave new world.

Language belongs to a different realm

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From sails to steam engines, from bullock carts to motor cars, from huts to skyscrapers, every stage of human history has been marked by breathtaking technological progress. Each new invention has made life faster, easier and more comfortable. Yet, amid all this change, one aspect of human experience has remained strikingly constant: how we communicate.

The medium has evolved dramatically – from messengers and handwritten letters to telephones and instant messaging, but the essence has not. It is still one human being reaching out to another. The town crier's drumbeat in the village square has become a digital notice on a government website, but both are acts of connection. The tools have changed but the impulse to communicate has not.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now rewriting the rules of learning and work. It solves equations, drafts essays, designs buildings and composes music. It can act as a tutor, a translator, a researcher, and even a companion. In subjects that rely on logic, structure and fixed systems – mathematics, physics, engineering – AI has already become transformative. Students can now get instant explanations of complex formulas or visualise difficult scientific concepts at the click of a button.

What a machine cannot feel

Language, however, belongs to a different realm. It is not only a system of rules but also a living, breathing expression of culture and emotion. AI can process grammar and vocabulary, but it cannot capture humour, irony, affection or hesitation. A sentence translated by a machine may be correct in words, yet wrong in spirit. When someone says "I miss you" or "*Te extraño*", the meaning is inseparable from emotion, something a machine cannot feel.

> The process of learning a language will outlast every technological revolution

Technology has made translation almost effortless. A Hindi email can appear in flawless English; a Japanese article can be read in French in seconds. Yet, these translations, however precise, may sound sterile. The tone, the rhythm and the subtle warmth that define human speech are easily lost. Translation can transfer meaning but not experience. Understanding a language requires more than decoding its words. It demands entering its world.

In the lived moments

That is why learning a language has always been different from learning a formula. It is not an abstract skill but a human interaction. It happens in conversation, in laughter, in mistakes. It happens when someone struggles to express a thought and is gently corrected, or when a joke finally lands after weeks of practice. These small, lived moments build confidence and connection, something that no app or chatbot can replicate.

AI tools can certainly assist. They can correct pronunciation, explain grammar and offer personalised practice. For teachers, they make lesson planning and feedback faster and more efficient. But they cannot replace the very heart of language learning, the emotional effort of trying to be understood by another person. Fluency is not achieved by perfection alone, but by empathy. To speak a language well, one must also learn how others think and feel.

Moreover, languages constantly evolve. Slang, idioms and even tones of politeness change from year to year. A machine can record these shifts, but it cannot belong to a community. It can predict usage, but it cannot participate in the living rhythm of speech. True mastery requires being part of that rhythm – listening, adapting, responding.

The biggest risk

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EDUCATION

Perhaps the greatest risk is not that AI will replace language learning, but that it will make people believe they no longer need to learn. If machines can translate instantly, the temptation to skip the effort grows. Yet, in doing so, we would lose something vital: the humility and the patience that come from learning another's tongue. When we learn a language, we do not just acquire words. We learn another way of seeing the world.

AI will continue to build our bridges, design our cities, and analyse our data. But when it comes to building bridges between people, it will remain an assistant, not a substitute. The process of learning a language – slow, emotional, and deeply human – will outlast every technological revolution.

Technology can help us talk across borders, but only effort and empathy can help us truly understand one another. And that is something no machine, however intelligent, will ever be able to automate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The 'Trump' card

While U.S. President Donald Trump often boasts about his "close friendship" with Prime Minister Narendra Modi — referring to him as a "nicest looking guy... he's tough as hell" — his imposition of unprecedented punitive trade tariffs on India contradicts this notion (Front page, October 30). This use of "friendship" while simultaneously undermining India's economic interests reveals a profound lack of diplomatic credibility. Mr. Trump's recent speeches and policy decisions on the global stage, often driven by a perceived need to assert his position as the "tallest leader", create an alarmingly unpredictable environment for U.S.-India relations. His pattern of commending a leader one day and criticising him the next demonstrates a deeply unreliable diplomatic stance. The most striking evidence of his double standard lies in his trade policy. Indian diplomacy must not be swayed by these sweeping, ephemeral praises directed at India's Prime Minister. The government must instead seriously consider the implications of Mr. Trump's dual-policy approach.

C. Raghavan,
Chennai

The heading of the report may sound positive — "U.S. is doing a trade deal with India, says Trump" — but Mr. Trump is indeed blowing hot and cold over the trade deal issue. His effusive praise for the Prime Minister can only be taken with a pinch of salt. This seems to be the precursor to another round of shenanigans in order to confuse India. Much to New Delhi's chagrin, Mr. Trump has once again repeated his alleged claim of 'stopping the India-Pakistan war'. Perhaps Mr. Trump is fishing for an acknowledgement from Mr. Modi for his oft-repeated claim. It is imperative that India treads cautiously with Washington while striving for a mutually beneficial trade deal with the U.S.

Aanya Singhal,
Noida, Uttar Pradesh

American policy

In the Trump era and the American administration's stand on immigration, I am reminded of Arthur Miller's play, *The Crucible,* as an allegory for the Red Scare, that drew parallels between the 1692 Salem Witch Trials and the political persecution of the 1950s McCarthy era to critique the mass hysteria. Is not the same paranoia being recreated today by the Trump administration in the name of securing America's sovereignty and territorial integrity? The restrictive "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" (OBBBA) signed into law, arbitrary policies such as suspending the entry of people suspected of posing a public health risk, mandatory detention, rolling back parole, and terminating temporary protected status for countries such as Haiti, the Honduras and Nicaragua preclude/precluded the possibility of safe passage or humanitarian assistance to migrants fleeing war and persecution. In the cloak of safeguarding its national interests, what is happening in America borders is nothing less than jingoism as it is directing massive funds toward systemic detentions and deportations of so-called "removable aliens".
Let America's history of invasion, removal and oppression not repeat itself in the garb of reformist migration policies.

Sunaina Jain,
Chandigarh

The idea of American exceptionalism is a sham. Borrowing from Achille Mbembe's concept of "necropolitics" — which discusses the colonising propensities of democracies as they tend to construct the "other" within themselves in order to exercise their exclusionary politics in the name of development — it can be argued that Mr. Trump's idea of an ideal nation too is based on marginalising and dehumanising a few people as "immigrants" in the name of development in order to exercise his so-called agendas. By rendering lives precarious as if they never mattered, he has challenged the very discourse of 'liberalism' that America thrives on.
A set of people who, until now, have been diligently contributing to the 'liberal' status of the United States are suddenly mere outsiders. This not only makes us wonder how knowledge and discourse are produced and re-produced by people in power, but also how certain lives are categorised as invaluable by people in power as and when they wish.

Ashima Gupta,
Patiala, Punjab

Island project

The Great Nicobar Project forces us to ask the question, "what is true development"? It is evident that the project is driven more by economic goals than by ecological or human concerns. Decisions of this kind, which have far-reaching repercussions, are taken with hurried clearances, minimal public debate and almost no regard for the voices of those affected.
Communities are reduced to mere statistics, and the environment is treated as an obstacle. Yet, we speak proudly of sustainability. Real progress should strengthen the bond between a land and its people, by preserving biodiversity and respecting the lives of those who inhabit it.

Nishana C.M.,
Katpadi, Vellore, Tamil Nadu

Cloud seeding, pollution

Every winter, Delhi's air quality deteriorates, and this year is no exception. The flawed experiment with cloud seeding suggests that experiments alone cannot address the deep-rooted causes. There must be structural and sustainable changes — stricter emission controls, greener transport and better urban planning.

Fawaz Hamza,
Kozhikode, Kerala

'Ro-Ko', retirement

In the third ODI match against Australia, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli single-handedly led India to victory, saving the team from a whitewash. Although it is true that the series was lost, talk about their 'retirement' should end. Fans now expect the duo to fulfil the dream that they narrowly missed last time — winning India its third World Cup in the 2027 World Cup.

Dattaprasad Shirodkar,
Mumbai

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Should AI be introduced as part of school curricula?

Aparajita Bharti

Co-founder of the public policy firm The Quantum Hub and of Young Leaders for Active Citizenship

Viplav Baxi

Founder of EdTech platforms AmplifiU for teachers and Edulyst AI for higher education institutions

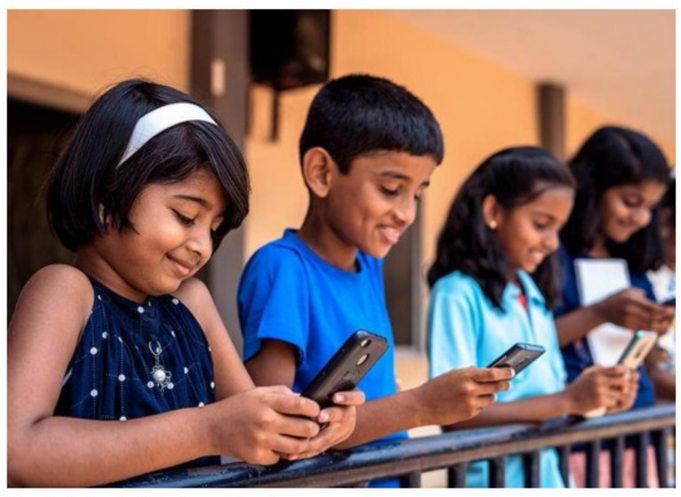
PARLEY

Recently, the Ministry of Education announced that an Artificial Intelligence (AI) curriculum would be introduced from Class 3 onwards for the next academic year (2026-27). Earlier, in July, the government had launched the 'Skilling for AI Readiness' initiative, under which thousands of CBSE schools will offer AI as a skill subject starting from Class 6. Should AI be introduced as part of school curricula? Aparajita Bharti and Viplav Baxi discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Sruthi Darbhamulla**. Edited excerpts:

What do you think about the proposal to introduce AI as a foundational subject from a young age?

Aparajita Bharti: When we talk about AI education, we have to make a distinction between AI literacy and AI skills. AI literacy is the ability to understand how AI works and to apply critical thinking while evaluating its responses. AI skills refer to developing AI tools, AI products, or being somewhere in the AI value chain. From what we have reviewed (of the curriculum), we see that in Class 6, for example, the focus is on AI literacy. But in Classes 11 and 12, it is on AI skills, such as Python programming and natural language processing. Students can develop these skills and then enter STEM careers. My sense is that if the curriculum is being introduced in Class 3, its focus should be on AI literacy, alongside the emphasis on basic numeracy, literacy, language, and critical thinking skills.

Viplav Baxi: Technology is changing so rapidly that the idea of having a curriculum around it in the traditional sense is difficult to imagine. For example, prompt engineering will probably disappear in a couple of years' time. Another reason why designing a curriculum around it is fraught with problems is that tech can create divides. Imagine millions of children trying to figure out their first AI prompt. Do we have the infrastructure or even the connectivity for that? The models are not available in local languages. Without hands-on training, what is the point of teaching tech? And if the motivation is mitigating job shifts, that itself is a moving target. We can't say that so many millions of jobs will be displaced and therefore you have got to be ready for new jobs. Because by the time they graduate, that picture will have moved.



Students look at their mobile phones. GETTY IMAGES

What impact will this type of curriculum have on work ethic and student learning?

AB: In some studies, students, as soon as they had answered something with AI, were asked to replicate that and explain it in their own language. And they failed to do so. Professor Stuart Russell from the University of Berkeley said how humans deal with AI in education is the litmus test of humanity's ability to be able to regulate and handle AI development for its own good. Education is one of the trickiest use cases, because AI holds a lot of promise for aiding learning. But on the other hand, it is also systematically taking away that incentive to learn. He used the term "dis-education." He is worried that we might lose intergenerational learning. Because until now, whatever AI is doing is actually based on all the learning that humanity has had. But the next generation may not have the right incentives to actually push themselves to keep on learning. What does that mean for humanity?

VB: Historically, whether it was with radio, or TV, or the Internet, we have heard the same concern, which is: are we dumbing down our children? Are we reducing their ability to think creatively or critically? Are we losing agency in front of other tools? Our system should be capable of adapting to every new tech wave. Even our pedagogy has evolved over time; we have moved from behaviourist and cognitivist teaching methods to more constructivist teaching methods. Our systems have to adapt to these new realities. One of the ways we can do that is by treating tech as native to the process of education itself.

Given concerns about the potential psychological impact of AI, what is the right stage to introduce children to AI?

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> VIPLAV BAKSHI

AB: Children are not only learning AI at school. They will get exposed to AI, whether schools introduce AI or not. For example, Meta AI is embedded in WhatsApp. What we do need to think about is that as children get exposed to AI, some risks come with it. We did the Youth Pulse Survey with Youth Ki Awaaz, with 500 students who are already using AI. Around 88% of the school students who took that survey are already using AI study companions. But 57% of those students have also started using it to have general conversations. 42% of students also said that some of the things they have been sharing with AI chatbots are things they would have otherwise shared with a person in their life.

We need some guardrails around the design of chatbots when children are interacting with them. AI companies are aware of this risk. There have already been some cases in the U.S. where parents have taken these companies to court. There are already laws placing obligations on platforms and intermediaries. There are restrictions on what you can do with children's data. There is a larger ecosystem beyond education which also has to build safety into this.

VB: Misinformation, malpractice, and crime existed before generative AI and everyone is vulnerable to these. Young students and people with information asymmetries and social and economic disadvantages are more vulnerable than others. Therefore, literacy is important. But it is equally important to understand that we are doing a disservice to students by giving them chatbots when the underlying tech is not proven and when the underlying data is biased and it is not tested. Any number of guardrails can't help you. And here we are allowing even teachers to create bots for students when they themselves are not trained on concepts such as guardrails.

What kind of training do teachers require to implement such a curriculum?

VB: Teachers are not a monolithic entity. We have a smorgasbord of styles and constraints, and one approach will not fit everyone. We need to ensure that there is continuous coaching of teachers. About 9% of schools in India have just one teacher and 35% have less than 50 students and two teachers. Half the teachers don't have proper qualifications. There is a large contingent of para teachers. Many schools don't have electricity. Therefore, how would you design content for somebody who does not have electricity or computers? It will have to be an unplugged curriculum. I am worried about sweeping statements that we will introduce anything at scale within the next few months and assume that it will work.

AB: The digital divide is real. And with AI, it can become even deeper. For example, where teachers themselves do not have critical skills to be able to evaluate something that general purpose AI is producing, how would they teach the students to be able to evaluate critically?

We also have to look at teachers as innovators because they are innovating with tech as they go along. There is a shifting goalpost every 6-8 months. Teaching people the ability to think, to work with other people, to organise different resources and produce value, and to be able to upskill themselves their whole lives is what we need to focus on. The ability to learn and continuously innovate is inherent to humans. That is the skill we need to focus on building in this generation that is in school right now.

As a thought experiment, if you were supposed to introduce a child to AI, how would you go about it?

AB: Till age 12, foundational learning is important. A lot of parental supervision is required till that age. That is a critical period to build critical thinking skills and basic alphanumeric literacy. In middle school, we should think about AI literacy. From Classes 9 to 12, if you want to participate in the AI workforce at some point, maybe those skills can be learned. Of course, this is assuming schools have no limitation of economic resources.

VB: We are battling some pressing challenges in the primary education space. Let us focus on making that space more robust. Whatever needs to be added as part of a subject to help children orient themselves better to AI can be added.

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NOTEBOOK

Covering a natural disaster

Even amid grief, humanity runs deep

Shrabana Chatterjee

No journalism school or newsroom experience can truly prepare a journalist to report on a natural disaster. Earlier this month, when I set out from Kolkata to report on the devastating north Bengal floods, which killed over 30 people and caused more than 110 major landslides, I had little idea about the harrowing stories I would come across: a woman had lost her only child and another woman, who was buried under debris for over a day, survived to tell the tale even through the crushing pain of losing her daughter.

Articulating these stories is just one of the many challenges. First, there was the issue of navigating unknown terrain and trekking through crumbling landslide-affected areas just to get to the families. Then there was the trauma of seeing the extent of destruction and despair. It took me a while to simply fathom the gravity of the disaster.

When I set foot in north Bengal, a day after the floods, no driver was ready to take me through these high-risk zones. Most of the roads had caved in, bridges were broken, and hills had crumbled. It took frantic calls, plenty of convincing, and promises of more money before a young driver from Siliguri stepped up for the dangerous journey. Throughout the three days of the trip, he and I looked in horror at the scenes of destruction. He became my translator, trekking guide, and the friend with whom I discussed stories at the end of each day. He could not understand why I insisted on going to places from where people were fleeing.

With a list of deceased persons, every morning, at 6 a.m., I went around the villages of north Bengal to find families. I met them at their most vulnerable state, so asking intrusive and pointed questions was not easy. This is a fine balancing act, which can quickly turn into a harrowing experience for the people on the ground if reporters forget to be empathetic in their hunger for stories. I realised that visual cues are important: body language, for instance, is one indicator of when to stop asking questions. No family owes a reporter their story or a "scoop"; they are real people reliving their trauma just for our sake. Yet, many of them were ready to share their stories and their grief.

SHRABANA CHATTERJEE

Some of the families were left with nothing other than the clothes on their bodies, yet they never lacked compassion. As a native of West Bengal, I have taken many trips to these mountains before, but this time around, the experience was different. The mountains were calm, but a sense of gloom hung in the sky. The once-crowded lanes of popular tourist spots were deserted. It seemed like they were mourning the passing of the 30 community members from different parts of the mountains.

In Manebhanjan, a town of 2,300 people at the India-Nepal border, five people had died. Seeing me get down from a car that said 'press', the locals were surprised. It had been three days since the tragedy and no journalist had visited them yet. "Are you really from the media," a man asked me with a hint of disbelief. The whole town then gathered around to tell me how five neighbours had died in their sleep as boulders came tumbling down the mountain and crushed their house. Clothes remained piled on the mud and children's toys were scattered on the ground.

As this was a border town, the citizenship of some people remained in doubt. No media from either side of the border wanted to take the risk of reporting from a high-altitude mountain and get caught in the bureaucracy of talking about cross-border citizens. So, no one showed up.

Before I left, a tea shop owner offered me a cup of tea. When I tried to pay, he said, "Come back when you visit as a tourist. Then you can pay me. Not today." Even amid all the grief, humanity ran deep. Every single person went out of their way to make space for me.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

A grand homecoming

A warm welcome being given to National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) leader Thuingaleng Muivah (not in picture) in Somdal in Manipur's Ukhrul district. Mr. Muivah, 91, came home some six decades after he left to join the Naga freedom movement. His homecoming rekindled hope for a settlement of the Naga peace process. ANI

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 31, 1975

Participation by workers at shop floor level

New Delhi, Oct. 30: A new scheme to ensure workers' participation at the shop floor level was announced by the Union Labour Minister, Mr. K.V. Raghunatha Reddi, at a press conference to-day. The scheme envisages the creation of shop councils comprising representatives of employers and workers in manufacturing and mining industries employing 500 or more workers. Mr. Reddi said bargainable issues would be outside the purview of these joint shop councils. The purpose of the new body was to deal with production and productivity and trade unions would continue to deal with bargainable issues.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 31, 1925

Javanese drama

Dr. J.H. Cousins writes: An event of great historical and artistic importance will take place in December next, in the visit to India of a troupe of performers of the Wajang Drama from Java. These are coming to the Jubilee Convention of the Theosophical Society at Adyar, Madras.

Sardar Patel's vision and the meaning of national unity today

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Union Minister of Culture and Tourism

Every year, on October 31, India observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas – National Unity Day – to honour the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Independent India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister. Few figures shaped the foundations of the Republic as decisively as Patel, who brought together more than 560 princely states after 1947 to create a single political entity.

Patel's realism, patience and firmness prevented the subcontinent from fracturing in the wake of Partition. Junagarh, Hyderabad, and Jammu & Kashmir might well have slipped into uncertainty but for his persuasion and resolve. The idea of unity he espoused was never uniformity; it was a federation of minds and hearts bound by shared heritage. That belief remains India's anchor in an age of widening diversities and new aspirations.

The decision in 2014 to commemorate Patel's birthday as National Unity Day recognised that unity is not a settled fact but a continuous act of national renewal. Across the country, schools, civil organisations and citizens reaffirm the pledge to uphold the nation's integrity. Events such as the 'Run for Unity' embody Patel's call for collective action – reminding us that patriotism must move from sentiment to participation.

The 150th birth anniversary that falls this year will be observed with special programmes at Ekta Nagar near the 182-metre-tall Statue of Unity – itself a monumental tribute to Patel's nation-building legacy. Cultural parades, tableaux from States, and performances by over 900 artists will celebrate the idea that India's strength lies in its many voices speaking as one.

Culture as a bond

In a country where languages, faiths and folk traditions coexist in profusion, culture has long served as the most durable bond of unity. Institutions under the Ministry of Culture – from zonal cultural centres to national museums – work to democratise heritage, ensuring that no region feels isolated from the national narrative.

Programmes such as 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' institutionalise this spirit by pairing States and Union Territories for exchanges in language, cuisine, and art. When students in Maharashtra learn Bihu or young performers from Assam stage Lavani in Pune, they practise Patel's idea that knowing one another is the first step to standing together.

Tourism, too, is an instrument of cohesion. The 'Dekho Apna Desh' campaign and an upgraded 'Incredible India' digital platform encourage citizens to explore their own land – from Punjab's Golden Temple to Kerala's backwaters, from Assam's tea gardens to Rajasthan's deserts. In 2024 alone, domestic tourism crossed 294 crore visits, reflecting a surge in curiosity and pride among Indians about India.

Schemes such as Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD go beyond infrastructure to create local livelihoods. When a woman in Nagaland runs a homestay for visitors from Gujarat or an artisan in Jodhpur sells crafts to travellers from Tamil Nadu, they exchange more than goods – they share experiences that knit the Republic closer.

Unity, Patel taught, is a task renewed in every generation. It must be defended against the fragmenting impulses of indifference, ignorance and regionalism.

The 'Panch Pran' – the five resolves of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' – place the pledge of national solidarity at the heart of India's journey towards 2047.

As India marks the sesquicentennial year of Sardar Patel's birth, the true homage to the Iron Man lies not in marble or memory, but in ensuring that every Indian feels part of the same national story. Whether through a cultural performance, a museum exhibit, or a journey across States, each act of participation strengthens the invisible threads that bind this civilisation together.

In Sardar Patel's words and in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reiteration of them, unity remains both the means and the goal of India's destiny – Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.

Trump-Xi bonhomie and reference to G-2 may impact India and Quad

External Affairs Ministry non-committal on outcome of U.S.-China summit in South Korea; experts warn of ripple effects in region; after talks, U.S. reduced tariffs on China to 47%, making India and Brazil, at 50%, among nations with highest tariff

NEWS ANALYSIS

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NEW DELHI

New normal: Donald Trump talks to Xi Jinping at the Gimhae Air Base in Busan, South Korea, on Thursday. AFP

The summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Busan, South Korea, ended with several outcomes for bilateral ties between the two countries, but also sent ripple effects to India. As a result of the talks, the U.S. has reduced tariffs on China to 47%, making India and Brazil, at 50%, among the countries with the highest tariffs.

More than the specific outcomes, including a one-year truce on trade tariffs and export restrictions on rare earth minerals, experts said the characterisation by both leaders of the U.S.-China "G-2" or grouping of the two biggest global powers, may have a bigger impact. At the meeting with Mr. Xi, Mr. Trump began by saying, "I think we are going to have a fantastic relationship for a long period of time."

"China and the U.S. can jointly shoulder our responsibility as major countries, and work together to accomplish more great and concrete things for the good of our two countries and the whole world," Mr. Xi said, as per Chinese Foreign Ministry's statement.

When asked about the summit, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal was non-committal. "As far as the question of the latest [Trump-Xi] talks and relaxations that have happened between U.S. and China, as to how it is going to play into our domain, I will come back to you," he told reporters on Thursday.

The G-2 or the idea of creating an exclusive U.S.-China club to work on global issues was floated as a concept about 15 years ago around the summit between U.S. President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao in 2009, when trade, climate change and nuclear proliferations were pressing concerns for the U.S.

However, Mr. Obama never used the term, and subsequently as U.S.-China tensions increased, the administration dropped the idea entirely by 2011.

Impact of entente

Another issue is the impact of any entente between the U.S. and China on the Quad and other Indo-Pacific initiatives. India has always been more for a multi-polar world order rather than for a shared hegemony between the top two powers. One has to wonder if this will lead to carving up of the world into "spheres of influence", as that will challenge not only India's stature but also the viability of the Quad.

Speaking to reporters onboard his flight back to the U.S., Mr. Trump said he intended to visit China in April 2026, and host Mr. Xi in the U.S. later in the year. While no date has been sent for Mr. Trump's travel to India to attend the Australia-India-Japan-U.S. Quad Summit to be hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, reports suggested that this was unlikely to take place in 2025.

As a result, if Mr. Trump returns to Asia next year, the question won't just be whether he will be part of the Quad summit in India, but also that whether his new "G-2" plans with China will dilute the group's agenda to secure a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Justice Surya Kant to take over as 53rd Chief Justice of India on November 24

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The apppointment of Justice Surya Kant as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI) was notified on Thursday. He will assume charge on November 24 and will remain CJI for nearly 16 months, till February 9, 2027.

The notification was issued by the Department of Justice in the Union Law Ministry.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Surya Kant, Judge of the Supreme Court as the Chief Justice of India with effect from 24th November 2025," Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal wrote on X.

"I convey my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to him," he added.

Justice Surya Kant succeeds Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, who demits office on November 23.

Justice Surya Kant

According to a communique by the Press Information Bureau, Justice Surya Kant was born on February 10, 1962 in Petwar of Hisar, Haryana. He earned his Law degree from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, in 1984. He then began his practice the same year at District Courts, Hisar.

In 1985, he shifted to the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, specialising in constitutional, service, and civil matters. On July 7, 2000, he earned the distinction of being appointed the youngest Advocate-General of Haryana and was also designated as a senior advocate.

He served as the Advocate-General until his elevation as a permanent Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on January 9, 2004.

As a judge, he served on the governing body of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) from 2007 to 2011 and, later, earned a first class in his Master's degree in Law in 2011. He was appointed the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court on October 5, 2018, and thereafter was elevated to the Supreme Court of India on May 24, 2019.

Since May 14, 2025, he has been the Executive Chairman of NALSA and also serves on several committees of the Indian Law Institute.

Retired IPS officer moves SC over stay in 41-year-old case

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A former Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from Gujarat has moved the Supreme Court challenging a Gujarat High Court order declining to extend the retired officer's exemption from surrendering in a 41-year-old case. The court is yet to list the matter for hearing.

The refusal to extend the exemption by the Gujarat High Court on October 9 prompted a sessions court in Bhuj to issue a warrant for his arrest on October 10.

Kuldip Sharma, a 1976-batch IPS officer of the Gujarat cadre, retired in 2014. He has in the past criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and, as the head of the State CID, probed several cases, including the Sohrabuddin Sheikh fake encounter case.

The sessions court in Bhuj on September 24 confirmed a three-month imprisonment under Section 342 IPC (wrongful confinement), originally pronounced by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bhuj, on February 10 against Mr. Sharma and former sub-inspector G.H. Vasavada.

Mr. Sharma in his petition before the apex court has said the conviction stems from a private complaint filed on May 8, 1984, alleging simple hurt (Section 323 IPC), wrongful confinement (Section 342 IPC), and criminal intimidation (Section 506 IPC) against Mr. Sharma – then Superintendent of Police, Kutch and SI Girish Vasavada.

The trial court acquitted both officers of all charges except Section 342 IPC.

The officer has contended that the alleged incident took place on May 6, 1984 and involved a person identified as Ibhala Seth, who had several criminal cases registered against him. The person is dead.

Initially, Gujarat defended the accused officers, with its legal representatives appearing in support at both trial and appellate levels. No prosecution sanction was granted for 28 years, and the complaint remained stayed. The decision was reversed in February 2012, with the State granting sanction to prosecute the officers.

A source said, "Ibhala Seth was listed as a smuggler by Customs and flagged as a security suspect by the police. The alleged offence is minor, the evidence tenuous, and the delay extraordinary."

19 hostages rescued from Mumbai studio, captor shot dead by police

Purnima Sah
MUMBAI

Tense turf: People gather at the site where 19 persons, including 17 children, were rescued from a studio at Powai in Mumbai on Thursday. PTI

The Mumbai Police on Thursday rescued 19 people – 17 children aged between 10 and 15 and two adults – from an acting studio in Powai where they had been held hostage by a man armed with an airgun and chemicals. The accused, Rohit Arya, 50, was shot during the police operation and later died at the HBT Trauma Care Municipal Hospital.

The incident occurred around 1.30 p.m. at R.A. Studio. The accused had reportedly been calling the children for auditions for a Web series over the past few days. During the standoff, Arya released a video stating he had taken the children hostage to ask "moral and ethical questions", the police said.

"I am Rohit Arya. Instead of [committing] suicide, I made a plan and have taken a few children hostage. I have very simple demands. Very moral, ethical demands. I have some questions. I want to speak to some people and on their answers, if there are any counter-questions, I want to ask them. But I want these answers. I do not want anything else. I am not a terrorist, nor do I have any demand of money. I want to have simple conversations and for that reason I have taken hostage of these children," he said in the video.

He also warned that any wrong move could lead to harm. "The slightest wrong move from your end may trigger me to set this whole place on fire. Whether I die or not, the children will be unnecessarily hurt, traumatised for sure, I should not be held responsible."

Police intervention

After receiving a call about the hostage situation, Powai police officials, along with a Quick Response Team (QRT), Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad, and a fire brigade team, reached the spot. The police said they had attempted to negotiate with Arya but entered the studio after talks failed. A team accessed the first floor through a bathroom window using a ladder provided by the fire brigade. Arya was shot when he allegedly tried to harm the children and was declared dead at 5.15 p.m. at the hospital, the police said. The Mumbai Crime Branch has taken over the investigation.

Mumbai Congress president and Lok Sabha member Varsha Gaikwad called the incident "deeply disturbing".

"Rohit Arya had worked on major projects with the Maharashtra Education Department, and he claimed he was owed ₹2 crore, for which he had held protests earlier. Due to this negligence on the part of the government, the lives of many children were put in danger today," Ms. Gaikwad said. She criticised the BJP-led Mahayuti government. "What answer will this government give to those children and their parents?" she said.

Later, the School Education Department issued an official clarification on its association with Arya's Swachhata Monitor initiative. It stated the initiative was first approved in 2022, with ₹9.90 lakh disbursed to Apsara Media Entertainment Network, Arya's organisation. In 2023-24, ₹2 crore was sanctioned.

Later, he submitted a fresh proposal seeking ₹2.41 crore for State-wide implementation of the Swachhata Monitor programme in 2024-25, which was put on hold after his company began collecting registration fees from schools, it said.

Former School Education Minister and Shiv Sena leader Deepak Kesarkar said he extended financial help to Arya in the past, after he said the department did not settle its dues. "I did not default on anyone's payment," he said.

Bihar SIR found how many infiltrators, Congress asks Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Jairam Ramesh

The Congress on Thursday hit out at Union Home Minister Amit Shah, questioning whether it was the Election Commission's constitutional duty to determine citizenship and questioned how many infiltrators were detected as part of Bihar's special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

The principal Opposition's party stance came after Mr. Shah, addressing a rally in Bihar's Nalanda, had said that after a nationwide SIR of electoral rolls, "all infiltrators will be identified and sent back to the places they came from".

"During elections, the Union Home Minister keeps saying that foreigners on electoral rolls must be detected, deleted, and deported. But will he answer two simple questions? Is it the constitutional responsibility of the Election Commission of India to determine and decide citizenship? And how many such foreigners or infiltrators have actually been detected and deleted as part of the Bihar SIR exercise?" Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh asked in a post on X.

At the same rally Mr. Shah said, "I assure you that if the NDA government is formed again, every infiltrator will be identified and driven out." The Narendra Modi government was committed to "driving out infiltrators who usurp poor people's food grains, jobs and indulge in anti-national activities," he added.

APPEAL

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BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION

Rahul's remarks reflect his values: Nadda

BJP chief J.P. Nadda on Thursday questioned the values of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in connection with the Chhath festival.

Mr. Nadda was referring to Mr. Gandhi's allegation on Wednesday that Mr. Modi had tried to enact a "drama" by planning to take a dip in the Yamuna on the occasion of Chhath Puja, but the programme was shelved after it was found that a puddle had been created with clean water since the river was filthy. He said that Mr. Modi would do "anything for votes, even dance".

"Rahul's remarks reflect his values and upbringing... The Opposition leaders have lowered the standards of politics," Mr. Nadda said. He said BJP leaders do not make such comments. PTI

J.P. Nadda said that Opposition leaders have lowered the standards of politics. ANI

BJP seeks action against Rahul for PM comment

The BJP on Thursday lodged a written complaint against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with the Chief Election Officer (CEO) of Bihar for his comment that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would do "anything for votes, even dance".

The party sought immediate and exemplary action against Mr. Gandhi. The BJP requested the EC to issue a show-cause notice to Mr. Gandhi and direct him to "tender an unconditional public apology", apart from barring him from "campaigning for a specified period to preserve the sanctity of democratic and electoral decorum".

The Congress hit back at the BJP, asserting that it was the Prime Minister who used terms like *mujra* while targeting his opponents earlier this year. PTI

> The BJP, under a conspiracy, is using Nitish. The INDIA bloc was making him the prime ministerial face. Today, he is only a face for the sake of elections
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> **AKHILESH YADAV**
> Samajwadi Party president

Rabri hits out at Modi, says PM looted nation

Former Bihar Chief Minister and RJD leader Rabri Devi on Thursday bristled at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's jibe that "vehicles were looted from showrooms" while her party was in power. When her response was sought on the PM's charge, she said, "It is he who should be called a thief. He has looted the nation." PTI

> The truth is, there's no programme, no agenda [for NDA]. They know their time is up... people of Bihar have decided it's time for change
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> **JAIRAM RAMESH**
> Congress leader

Bina Rani, a voter from the Kurhani constituency, with a cow that she purchased using ₹10,000 that she got from the Bihar government. SOBHANA K. NAIR

'Caste-neutral' women voters may rally behind Nitish

Sobhana K. Nair
GAYA/DARBHANGA/PATNA

Leading a black goat to her home in Kafarpur village of Jehanabad district in Bihar, 58-year-old Kiran Devi hears men discussing politics, and pauses to offer her two bits on the topic. "Indira Gandhi showed the country that a woman could lead, but Nitish Kumar gave us the opportunity to lead," she says, summing up the Bihar Chief Minister's legacy in a sentence.

The goat is Ms. Devi's newest acquisition, a purchase made using the ₹10,000 that she received under the Nitish Kumar-led government's Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana last month. Under the scheme, ₹10,000 each has been given to 1.2 crore women between the ages of 18 and 60 years who are associated with Jeevika, a World Bank-aided Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project. So far, ₹12,100 crore – about 4% of Bihar's annual budget – has been transferred into the bank accounts of 1.21 crore women beneficiaries. Of more than 7 crore voters in Bihar, around 3.5 crore are women, meaning that about a third of them have benefited from the scheme.

Ms. Devi is a Chouhan, an Extremely Backward Class (EBC) voter, and her village falls under the reserved Assembly constituency of Makhdumpur. The last time that Mr. Kumar's Janata Dal (United) occupied the seat was in 2010 when former Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, then a JD(U) member, won from here. This time, the seat is being contested by the JD(U)'s ally in the ruling NDA, the Lok Janshakti Party, and Ms. Devi is clear that her vote will be in its favour.

Changing lives

Seeing her talk, other women also join in. Kaanti Devi, 48, pipes in to credit Mr. Kumar for making it safe for women to move around. "Went to the fair, ate sweets," she says. On a serious note, she adds, she too bought goats. The women plunge into a discussion of how much they expect to gain from their new purchases by the end of the year, explaining that goats give birth twice a year. If reared well, they could earn a neat sum for their owners.

The government has promised to award ₹2 lakh to high-performing beneficiaries who manage to use the money as capital for their businesses. However, the criteria for assessing such beneficiaries have not been spelt out yet.

According to a senior Bihar government official, the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana had been in the works for nearly six months and is the result of an intense debate within the government.

"Both ideas were weighed: monthly payouts to the beneficiaries verses a one-time payment. After study, it was settled that the second model is financially more viable," a senior Bihar government official said.

Financial viability

Financially viable or not, the scheme is proving to be a game-changer for the women themselves. It also helps to further build up the caste-neutral constituency of women voters that Nitish Kumar has created for himself, with his various women-centric schemes, from increasing reservation for them in panchayats to scholarships and financial aid for girl students. The Jeevika scheme, for instance, gave many women cash in their own hands for the first time, granting them a voice in decisions made both inside and outside the house.

RJD and Congress betrayed people, can never develop Bihar, says Modi

Under the NDA government in Bihar, railway engines are being manufactured, large dairy plants have been set up, and makhana is reaching places around the world, PM says at rally in Muzaffarpur; criticising the RJD, he says 35,000-40,000 kidnappings had taken place during its regime

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday hit back at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over remarks he made at a rally in Muzaffarpur a day earlier.

Mr. Gandhi had said on Wednesday that Mr. Modi staged a "drama in the name of Chhath Puja" and can "even dance on stage for votes". "You have seen that your son is busy making the world chant praises for Chhathi Maiya. On the other hand, these Congress and Rashtriya Janata Dal leaders are insulting Chhathi Maiya. Can anyone ever insult Chhathi Maiya just to win votes? Can such an insult be tolerated by Bihar, or India? Can my mothers who observe a strict fast without water tolerate it," Mr. Modi asked during a rally in Muzaffarpur.

"How shamelessly the people of the RJD and Congress speak. For them, the worship of Chhathi Maiya is farce and drama. Shouldn't such people be punished?"

"The women who observe such a long fast without water, the women who stand in the Ganga and offer *Arghya* to the sun god... in the eyes of the RJD-Congress, these are all drama. I know that none from Bihar can forget this insult to Chhathi Maiya," Mr. Modi said.

'Guns and corruption'

Mr. Modi asserted that the RJD and the Congress "can never develop Bihar" and that despite these parties ruling Bihar for years, they have "only betrayed people". "The identity of the RJD and Congress members comes from five aspects – gun, cruelty, bitterness, misgovernance and corruption," Mr. Modi alleged.

"Think about it, will those with a history of grabbing land give land to industry? Will those who kept Bihar in the lantern era provide electricity? Will those who looted the railways improve connectivity? Those who broke records in corruption and scams, can they bring rule of law?" Mr. Modi asked.

He said where there is "rule of gun and cruelty", where the law breaks down, and where the RJD and the Congress rule, there is increased bitterness and disharmony. He continued, "Where there is the misrule of RJD and Congress, there is no trace of development, and where there is corruption, social justice is not attained."

On the offensive: Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an NDA rally in Chapra on Thursday. Union Minister Chirag Paswan and other leaders are present. ANI

'Good governance'

Praising his party's government, Mr. Modi said that Bihar had witnessed good governance under the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance. He said in Bihar, railway engines are being manufactured, large dairy plants are set up, and makhana is reaching places around the world.

He said one got scared while recalling the era of "jungle raj" and mentioned the Golu kidnapping case of 2001 during the RJD government. "In this same city, while going to school, a child was kidnapped in broad daylight and a large sum of money demanded. When the money could not be paid, these 'RJD thugs' cut the child into pieces," Mr. Modi alleged. He also claimed that 35,000 to 40,000 kidnappings had taken place during the RJD regime.

"The RJD did not care about the wailing parents then, and they have no concern for your joys and sorrows now," Mr. Modi said.

Without naming them, he called Mr. Gandhi and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav "princes who have opened a shop of false promises". "One is the prince of India's most corrupt family and the other is the prince of Bihar's most corrupt family. Both are out on bail in scams worth thousands of crores," Mr. Modi said.

"Those who are *naamdar* [famous] will obviously abuse this *kaamdar* [worker]. A *naamdar* can't digest their food without abusing a *kaamdar*," Mr. Modi said.

After Muzaffarpur, Mr. Modi addressed a rally in Chapra where he again targeted the RJD and Congress over "Jungle Raj". He also recalled that in 1998, a Dalit IAS officer had written a letter to the Governor revealing that RJD goons had raped her for several days and not spared other women in the family either, torturing them as well.

Mr. Modi said that the RJD-Congress combine has not released its manifesto, but its rate list.

Shah hits out

While addressing rallies in Lakhisarai and Munger, senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah too lashed out at the RJD and Congress, saying "Lalu-Rabri [RJD leaders and former Chief Ministers Lalu Prasad and wife Rabri Devi] committed scams in Bihar and their big leader" was Mr. Gandhi.

He alleged that the Congress indulged in scams, scandals, and corruption worth ₹12 lakh crore in 10 years.

Bihar govt. is operated via remote control by Modi-Shah, Nagpur: Rahul

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NALANDA/SHEIKHPURA

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi lacks the courage to confront U.S. President Donald Trump over the U.S.'s assertion that it stopped the India-Pakistan conflict.

Addressing election rallies in Nalanda and Sheikhpura, Mr. Gandhi alleged that Bihar has now become synonymous with paper leaks and poor health infrastructure.

"The U.S. President has asserted several times that it was because of him the conflict between India and Pakistan stopped after Operation Sindoor... But, our Prime Minister does not have the courage to confront Trump, say that he is lying. Modi was supposed to visit the U.S....but he is not going because he is scared of Trump," he claimed.

"If the PM has the courage, let him say that Trump did not stop Operation Sindoor. He should speak about it in his rallies in Bihar," Mr. Gandhi said.

Rahul recalls Indira

Recalling the tenure of his grandmother, Indira Gandhi, he said the former Prime Minister was an example of a courageous leader. "If you want to understand what a PM should be like, you should look at what Indira Gandhi did in 1971 when she had told the then U.S. president, 'we are not afraid of you'. She was a courageous leader," the Congress leader said.

Hitting out: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during a rally in Nalanda ahead of the Bihar Assembly election. PTI

Criticising Union Home Minister Amit Shah for his comments that "there is no land available in Bihar", Mr. Gandhi alleged that "plots were given to an industrial house at throwaway prices" by the State government. But, corporates "close to Modi cannot provide jobs to the youth of Bihar", the former Congress chief asserted at the Sheikhpura rally.

Mr. Gandhi said he wanted to see the 'Made in Bihar' tag on the back of mobile phones and other devices, instead of the 'Made in China' phrase, "but Modi is not capable of making that happen".

Internet data price

He said that Mr. Modi had, in one of his poll rallies in Bihar, said the BJP reduced the cost of Internet data, "but the truth is the money from your reels goes into the pockets of one or two corporates".

"The NDA formed government through 'vote chori' during the last Lok Sabha election... Now, the NDA and the PM are hell bent on destroying the Constitution framed by Bhimrao Ambedkar," he claimed.

"This Constitution is the voice of Hindustan...but the BJP-RSS people want to destroy it. Whatever you have received as rights are gifts of this Constitution. The people of Bihar should ensure that no one can demolish the Constitution," Mr. Gandhi asserted.

He also hit out at the Prime Minister for observing Chhath Puja festivities in a "specially made" pond, while devotees offered prayers in "a polluted Yamuna".

"I will ask the people of the State to give up the illusion that the government is run by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. It is a government operated via remote control by Modi-Shah and Nagpur (RSS headquarters), which does not care for Bihar," he claimed.

"Two Indias have now emerged – one belongs to the common people, and the other to a few corporates and Modi. This is the reason why places like Bihar suffer in poverty," Mr. Gandhi said.

He said that if the INDIA bloc is voted to power in Bihar, it will be a government of the farmers, labourers, Dalits and the weaker sections, with representation from all the communities. "It is because of the anti-labour policies of the Centre and the Bihar government that the youth go to other States for employment. If the INDIA bloc comes to power, Bihar will not remain a State that only supplies labourers," he said.

Poll panel reviews arrangements in State boundary areas

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Enhance checks at inter-State posts to monitor movement of people, materials and money, the poll commission says

In view of the Bihar Assembly election, the Election Commission on Thursday directed senior officials of Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal to ensure heightened vigilance in areas bordering the State with enhanced checks at inter-State posts to monitor movement of people, materials, and money.

The EC gave the direction at a coordination meeting on inter-State boundary issues in Bihar held with the Chief Secretaries, DGPs and Principal Secretaries (Home) of Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, along with officers from the Ministries of Home and Railways and all enforcement agencies.

Review of arrangements

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, along with Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, reviewed law-and-order arrangements in Bihar and its neighbouring States to monitor movement of people, materials and money, including arms, anti-social elements, liquor, narcotics and freebies between States and across the International Border with Nepal.

A special focus was placed on boundary districts and sealing of boundaries to maintain peace and order, an official statement here said.

During the meeting, Mr. Kumar underscored the commission's commitment to free, fair, peaceful and inducement-free elections, calling upon all stakeholders to work seamlessly to uphold the integrity of the electoral process.

The commission reviewed compliance with voter-facilitation directions to ensure a pleasant and smooth experience for voters on the day of polling.

Central agencies, including the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Income Tax Department, Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, were directed to intensify efforts in the run-up to the polls and maximise seizures acting upon actionable intelligence.

INBRIEF

NIA seeks more details from the U.S. on Tahawwur Rana

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has asked for more details from its U.S. counterparts with respect to 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks "mastermind" Tahawwur Rana, according to agency sources. The NIA has sent the request under the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty, through the Ministries of External and Home Affairs. The queries are based on the interrogation of Rana, after he was extradited from the U.S. to India on April 10 and arrested by the agency in connection with the terror attacks in which 166 people were killed and close to 240 injured in 2008.

India begins major tri-Service drill along Pakistan border

A major tri-Service military exercise, 'Trishul', kicked off on Thursday along the western border with Pakistan, showcasing the joint operational capability and strategic preparedness of the Indian Army, Navy, and the Air Force. The large-scale drills, being conducted from October 30 to November 10, span across Gujarat and Rajasthan, and are aimed at enhancing coordination, and mission readiness among the three Services. The Navy is leading the opening phase of the exercise, followed by the Army and the Indian Air Force. Ahead of the commencement of the exercise, Pakistan announced changes in certain flight routes for the Karachi and Lahore regions.

Fully aware of Great Nicobar project's impact, says Centre

The Centre tells the NGT that no tribal persons will be displaced, noting that the project will cover about 18% of the Great Nicobar area, leaving over two-thirds of its land mass as forests

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Defending the Great Nicobar Island mega-infrastructure project at the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Thursday, the Union government argued that it was fully aware of the project's likely impact on the biodiversity of the surrounding areas, positing that the main issue was whether the government was "alive to this or not".

Noting that the government considers it its duty to undertake mitigation measures, Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati said that the Centre had mandated conservation and monitoring programmes to run for the next three decades as the project was developed. She said that the project "is going to be a national asset".

The submissions came in response to a batch of petitions that have challenged the environmental clearance issued for the ₹92,000-crore project, which will include a transshipment port, an international airport, a township, and a power plant to be built on more than 160 sq. km of land. Of this, about 130 sq. km is forest land inhabited by the Nicobarese and the Shompen communities, both Scheduled Tribes, with the Shompen categorised as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group.

Mitigation plan: The Centre has mandated conservation programmes during the project's development. GETTY IMAGES

One petition, submitted by activist Ashish Kothari, challenges the clearances obtained for the project, citing violations of the Island Coastal Regulation Zone (ICRZ) notification, 2019 notification and inadequacies in the environmental impact assessment.

Making its arguments before the NGT Bench now hearing the matter, the Union government submitted that it had considered studies and research conducted over decades before mandating measures to translocate, conserve, and monitor the project activities' impact on the biodiversity of the region.

Coral colonies

Ms. Bhati noted that while plans had been outlined for translocating over 16,000 of the 20,668 coral colonies that are under threat from the project's activities, there is also a plan in place to ensure the monitoring of the remaining 4,500-odd coral colonies. She submitted that there were about 51 active nests of the Nicobar megapode in the project activities' area; though about 30 will be permanently destroyed, there were also plans in place to conserve the remaining nests.

"There is biodiversity all around the islands, and the conclusion was that this region is the most suitable. All other nesting beaches of the leatherback turtles will be protected and conserved," Ms. Bhati argued.

The Centre added that no tribal persons will be displaced or dispersed, noting that the project will only cover 1.82% of the whole island's archipelago area, which amounts to about 18% of the Great Nicobar area, still leaving GNI with over two-thirds of its land mass as forests.

The Centre also defended the environment clearance granted for the project, which has mandated detailed measures to study and monitor the biodiversity of the region as the project is developed, calling it "an alive document" that prescribes conservation measures till 2052.

The next hearing in the matter has been set for November 7.

India ready to help Afghanistan with hydel projects: MEA

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Randhir Jaiswal

India is willing to support Taliban-governed Afghanistan in building "hydroelectric projects", the official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Randhir Jaiswal, said on Thursday.

Addressing the weekly MEA press conference, Mr. Jaiswal said that the two sides can build on a "history of cooperation" on water-related matters and reiterated that India remains "committed" to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Afghanistan.

The Taliban side welcomed Mr. Jaiswal's remarks about cooperation in hydroelectric projects.

"As emphasised in the recently adopted India-Afghanistan Joint Statement, India stands ready to support Afghanistan in its efforts to manage water resources sustainably, including with hydroelectric projects," Mr. Jaiswal said.

The Taliban spokesperson for international media, Suhail Shaheen, welcomed the announcement and said, "There are a lot of opportunities for cooperation between the two countries."

"The need is to send delegates from various Ministries to explore the opportunities and areas of cooperation. Hydel power is one of them," Mr. Shaheen told *The Hindu*. Sources here indicated that India would consider sending delegates if the Taliban made appropriate requests.

Cooperation to build hydel power projects was part of a joint statement issued during a visit by the Taliban's Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi on October 10.

Referring to Pakistani attacks against Afghan positions along the Durand Line earlier this month and also on the capital Kabul, Mr. Jaiswal said, "Pakistan is infuriated with Afghanistan exercising sovereignty over its own territories."

Parade to mark Sardar Patel's birth anniversary

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday announced that a grand parade will be held every year on October 31, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat.

Addressing a press conference, Mr. Shah said that a special event had been organised to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel, adding that the Ministry of Home Affairs had decided to institutionalise the annual parade from this year.

He said that the parade was organised to honour all Central Armed Police Forces and State police forces, reaffirming the unity and integrity of the nation. The event will take place in front of the Statue of Unity, he added.

Priyanka Gandhi says NEP 'brainwashing children'; Pradhan slams comments

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Responding to Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's remarks that the National Education Policy, 2020 and the Prime Minister Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) initiative had been brought in by the ruling BJP to "brainwash children according to their own ideology", Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday referred to it as a "glaring display of ignorance and political opportunism".

Mr. Pradhan, in a post on social media on Thursday, referred to Ms. Vadra's remarks posted by the Congress's X account, and said, "By making such irresponsible and misleading statements, she not only distorts facts but disrespects the collective wisdom of India's educators, academics, and citizens who shaped these historic reforms."

Priyanka Gandhi

'Factual inaccuracies'

Speaking to the media in Wayanad, her Lok Sabha constituency, Ms. Vadra accused the government of inserting "so many factual inaccuracies", "removing and changing" historical data, and "ideologically, it's entirely leaning one way". Her statement further said, "That's not healthy for children's education. They should have a large perspective, and if they have different ideologies, they should all be educated about them to ensure they are aware of them."

"We are against it, and we oppose it. I had hoped that the State government in Kerala would have opposed it too, but I'm surprised they haven't," she said.

Mr. Pradhan, in his response, defended the NEP 2020 as the result of "one of the most exhaustive and inclusive consultation processes ever undertaken", further saying that the PM SHRI initiative was a "living embodiment" of the vision outlined in the NEP 2020.

Class 10, 12 Board exams from Feb. 17, says CBSE

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will conduct Class 10 and 12 Board exams from February 17, officials announced on Thursday.

While the Class 10 exams will conclude on March 10, Class 12 exams will end on April 9, according to the final date sheet.

This is the first time that the CBSE released the final date sheet nearly 110 days in advance.

This is the first time that Board exams for Class 10 will be conducted twice in an academic session and is scheduled from May 15 to June 1.

The second phase of Board exams in May will be optional for students who wish to improve their performance. The best score of the two will be retained.

HC cites 'defect' in probe, commutes death sentence of four in CRPF attack case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Citing "defect in investigation", the Allahabad High Court on Wednesday set aside the death sentence of four persons and life imprisonment of another in connection with a pre-dawn attack on January 1, 2008, on a CRPF camp in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh. The attack left seven jawans and a rickshaw-puller dead. Eight persons were injured.

The Bench acquitted Mohammad Sharif, Sabauddin, Imran Shahjad, Mohammad Farooq and Jang Bahadur Khan of the charges of murder and others.

The court, however, found the five accused, including Khan who had been sentenced to life imprisonment, guilty under Section 25 (1-A) of the Arms Act and sentenced them to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment. It imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh each on the petitioners who had approached the High Court against the judgment passed by the Additional District and Sessions Judge of Rampur on November 1, 2019, and November 2, 2019. "We are deeply concerned with the magnitude and enormity of the offence and at the same time we are constrained to observe that the prosecution miserably failed to prove the case against the accused for the principal offence beyond reasonable doubt which is a golden rule that runs through the web of criminal jurisprudence," the court noted.

The High Court cited defects in the investigation of the case.

The court noted that the case would have reached a different conclusion had the investigation and the prosecution been conducted by trained police.

The court pointed out how the FIR stated that prosecution witnesses had never known the accused from before and were never made to identify them through a test identification parade (TIP).

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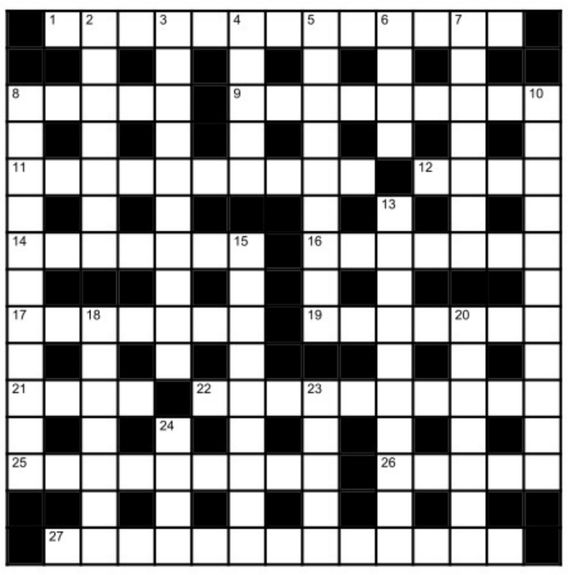

Across

1 Person driving very fast is drug dealer (5,8)
8 Give birth to a cow in grotto across lake (5)
9 Old pirate's strange device for removing hair (9)
11 Cracked Princeton university's latest process of coding (10)
12 Captain in trouble after onset of storm (4)
14 See 10 Down
16 Excited by performing in drag thus far (2,2,3)
17 Character in the new building, one securing locks (7)
19 Range over which one can hear others fighting around afternoon (7)
21 Enthusiastic about India's opener smashing ton (4)
22 Worker admits messing up task (10)
25 Family crushed by atrocious liars essentially endorsing hooligans in Australia (9)
26 Ace following case of kidnapper in Danish capital (5)
27 Extremely sensitive Conservative fearing parliamentary scrutiny (6,7)

Down

2 Bird in Long Island cracking smooth-shelled nut (7)
3 All enthralled at premiere by extremely slim girl (10)
4 Thick fog around delta (5)
5 Cut clothes for ape (9)
6 Embrace hot lady in retro party (4)
7 Blunder largely negating profit after costs (3,4)
8 Deceive husband, having romp finally with Romeo - ruinous moment of fleeting pleasure (5,6)
10/ 14 What good boxer will do to adapt to adverse circumstances (4,4,3,7)
13 Daren't ask! King's foolishly wearing nothing at all (5,5)
15 Fiesta is fantastic, daughter's delighted (9)
18 Wants cocaine distributed in secret among themselves (5,2)
20 How one cavorts, embracing date in square dance (7)
23 Problem in gluteus, sinew's twisted (5)
24 Chief in office, drinking dry sherry (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The triumph of dharma

To overcome the evil influences of Kaliyuga, people should listen to and reflect upon epics Ramayana and Mahabharata. Through such contemplation, their minds will become purified and their hearts inclined towards righteousness. In this context, Parimelazhagar in his commentary explains that dharma lies not only in performing the deeds prescribed in the scriptures but also in abstaining from those that are prohibited. The Ramayana exemplifies how one should follow dharma, as illustrated through the life and conduct of Rama. In contrast, the Mahabharata teaches us through the character of Duryodhana how one should not engage in deeds that are contrary to dharma.

Building upon these epic examples, Lanka Sri Jeyaraj said in a discourse that a person who indulges in unrighteous acts will inevitably be punished by nature, one way or the other. On the other hand, nature supports and uplifts those who engage in righteous deeds. Tiruvalluvar says just as the Sun burns the boneless worms, virtue torments the loveless one. By abducting Sita, the worm-like Ravana invited the Sun-like Rama to destroy him, an inevitable consequence of his unrighteous act. Those who walk the path of dharma live in lasting peace and happiness, for righteousness is their constant companion. The unrighteous are, however, never free from fear, for their own deeds become the source of their suffering. This contrast between righteousness and unrighteousness is also evident in the Mahabharata's key events. To uphold dharma, the Lord countered every evil scheme of Shakuni and Duryodhana, ensuring the protection and victory of the righteous.

INBRIEF

Swiggy's Q2 loss widens to ₹1,092 cr. as Instamart in red

Swiggy, which owns Instamart, reported widening of consolidated net loss to ₹1,092 crore for the second quarter, on continuing losses from the quick commerce segment and increase in the company's advertising and sales spend. The food delivery and quick commerce firm had reported a net loss of ₹626 crore for the year-ago period. However, revenue from operations increased to ₹5,561 crore from ₹3,601 crore a year ago, a regulatory filing with the exchanges showed. PTI

Coromandel International Q2 net rises 20% to ₹793 crore

Agriculture solutions provider Coromandel International reported September quarter consolidated net profit rose over 20% to ₹793.44 crore from ₹659.10 crore a year earlier. The higher net profit came on an almost 30% increase in revenue from operations to ₹9,654.13 crore (₹7,432.83 crore). Total income stood at ₹9,771 crore (₹7,498 crore). Fertiliser plants operated at capacity and sales volumes grew by 17% in the six months ended September.

Canara Bank's Q2 net profit rises 19% to ₹4,774 crore

Canara Bank posted second-quarter net profit of ₹4,774 crore, a growth of 18.93%, from ₹4,014 crore in the year-earlier period. The quarter saw the lender's operating profit rise 12.20% to ₹8,588 crore from ₹7,653.83 crore a year earlier. MD and CEO K. Satyanarayana Raju said the bank's asset quality improved in the quarter. Gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio improved at 2.35%, from 3.73% in the corresponding quarter in the previous year.

'Over 600 MoUs worth ₹12 lakh crore signed at the Maritime Week'

Agreements were in diverse sectors such as port development, indigenous ship building and container manufacturing: Sonowal

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

More than 600 memorandum of understanding (MoUs) worth over ₹12 lakh crore were signed at the Indian Maritime Week 2025, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal said here on Thursday.

Mr. Sonowal said the MoUs were in diverse sectors such as ship building, port development, indigenous ship building and container manufacturing.

"In the last 11 years, whatever transformative journey we could create, we did. Also, in the transformative policy programmes whatever changes we could create, we did. This will ultimately make India globally, the most desirable, favourable investment destination," he said.

Secretary in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Vijay Kumar said that of the MoUs signed, 30% were for port development and port modernisation, 20% for sustainable green shipping and green ports, 20% for shipping and ship building, 20% with regard to port-led industrialisation and 10% for trade, business and skilling.

"Maritime sector projects have long gestation periods. Investment comes in, it takes time to get invested. Already 60% of the MoUs entered into at the last summit have been grounded, meaning, the money [has been committed] and has started coming in," he said.

During the event, 11 global CEOs met with the PM.

"They represented different divisions of maritime sectors including, ports, port modernisation, port operators, dredging operators and ship building. In almost all the areas, they promised and committed to invest," Mr. Kumar said.

The event witnessed the participation of about one lakh people and delegates from 85 countries.

Taking stock: Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits a stall during the India Maritime Week 2025, in Mumbai. PTI

India expected to add 6 GW of new wind energy capacity: Joshi

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) Pralhad Joshi on Thursday said 6 gigawatts (GW) of new wind capacity is expected to be added by the end of financial year 2025-2026, the highest-ever annual addition, up from last year's 4 GW.

"[In] this financial year, so far, over 3 GW of new wind capacity has been added," he said in a media interaction on the sidelines of the 7th edition of Windergy India 2025 conference in Chennai.

"India is moving with clear determination towards the goal of achieving 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030, and wind power will play a major part – contributing 100 GW or more. With 54 GW of installed wind energy and another 30 GW under implementation, we are well on track to meet our 2030 target, Mr. Joshi said.

Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh together contribute almost half of India's total wind capacity of 54 GW, he said.

"India's wind industry already has 70% local content, showing strong domestic capability. Under the Atmanirbhar Wind Mission, our goal is to increase this to 85% by 2030," Mr. Joshi said.

"The GST on wind equipment has been reduced from 12% to 5%, helping reduce turbine cost by over ₹25 lakh per MW," Mr. Joshi said.

An exhibit at the Windergy India 2025 conference in Chennai on Thursday. VELANKANNI RAJ B

"With the approved list of models and manufacturers (ALMM) - wind framework and related initiatives, India can soon meet 10% of global wind demand by 2030 and up to 20% by 2040 and emerge as a global manufacturing hub for turbines and components," he said.

"A study by the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) shows a potential of 1,164 GW at 150 metres hub height across India. To unlock new areas, the government has launched a viability gap funding (VGF) scheme for offshore wind projects, targeting 1 GW in the first phase – 500 MW each off Gujarat and Tamil Nadu," Mr. Joshi said.

MNRE Secretary Santosh Kumar Sarangi said the tender for the Tamil Nadu offshore wind project is expected to be floated by February.

Earlier speaking at the inaugural of the conference, Mr. Joshi said India's total installed capacity was nearing 500 GW, with non-fossil sources contributing over 257 GW.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	84,404	-0.70
US Dollar	88.69	-0.53
Gold	1,23,400	-0.80
Brent oil	64.98	-0.39

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2526.90	-10.50
Adani Ports	1457.90	3.10
Apollo Hosp	7790.00	-68.50
Asian Paints	2523.50	-15.20
Axis Bank	1238.60	-10.20
Bajaj Auto	8923.00	-111.00
Bajaj Finserv	2114.60	-22.40
Bajaj Finance	1052.30	-10.65
Bharat Elec	409.90	2.70
Bharti Airtel	2066.30	-34.30
Cipla	1540.10	-41.00
Coal India	387.70	5.70
Dr Reddys Lab	1202.20	-48.70
Tata Motors CV	260.75	0.00
Eicher Motors	6889.00	-63.00
Eternal Ltd.	329.35	-1.10
Grasim Ind	2950.40	-8.30
HCL Tech	1549.80	-7.50
HDFC Bank	998.15	-9.70
HDFC Life	746.60	-14.70
Hindalco	861.35	5.10
Hind Unilever	2469.60	-18.50
ICICI Bank	1362.40	-8.00
IntGlobeAvi	5725.00	-88.00
Infosys	1493.80	-16.60
ITC	418.75	-2.85
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	309.80	0.05
JSW Steel	1210.00	2.10
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L&T	3987.50	29.40
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Maruti Suzuki	16206.00	68.00
Max Healthcare	1178.50	-11.00
NestleIndia	1279.90	6.90
NTPC	345.15	-2.35
ONGC	254.53	-1.11
PowerGrid Corp	291.50	-3.85
Reliance Ind	1488.50	-15.70
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State Bank	934.35	-5.40
Shriram Finance Ltd.	738.25	-0.20
Sun Pharma	1703.40	-12.50
TataConsumerProduct	1176.60	-0.50
Tata Steel	184.35	-0.84
TCS	3035.30	-22.30
Tech Mahindra	1433.80	-18.40
Titan	3750.70	2.40
Tata Motors PV	412.45	1.10
Trent Ltd.	4744.50	-36.10
UltraTech Cement	12053.00	54.00
Wipro	241.92	-0.36

Groww app to raise ₹6,632.3 cr. via IPO

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Stock brokerage app Groww, officially known as Billionbrains Garage Ventures Ltd., said it is set to raise ₹6,632.3 crore via an initial public offering (IPO).

The IPO comprises fresh issue of equity shares worth ₹1,060 crore along with an offer for sale (OFS) component of 55.72 crore equity shares by promoters and investor shareholders. The company has fixed a price band of ₹95-100 per share. The bids will open on November 3 and close on November 7.

ITC Q2 net up 3% to ₹5,187 cr.

ITC Ltd. reported 3% growth in consolidated net profit to ₹5,187 crore for the second quarter ended September 30, 2025 compared with ₹5,054 crore a year earlier.

Hyundai Motor India Q2 net up to ₹1,572 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL) reported consolidated net profit for the quarter ended September rose 14% year-on-year (YoY) to ₹1,572 crore.

However, consolidated revenue climbed by a marginal 1% to ₹17,461 crore.

Hyundai said GST rate cut and a vibrant festive boost helped domestic volumes grow 5.5% quarter on quarter. SUV portfolio's contribution to total domestic sales was 71.1% while rural markets contributed 23.6%. Export volumes grew 21.5% and accounted for 27% of overall sales.

"We delivered a strong financial performance for the quarter across key metrics with evident growth in revenue and profitability," said Unsoo Kim, MD.

Unsoo Kim

"The strong EBITDA margins at nearly 14% is a testament to "Quality of Growth" strategy, complemented by robust exports and cost optimisation."

"We aim to keep pace with the industry's growth momentum for the residual part of the year while strong export performance is set to surpass targets for FY26," he added.

'Factory usage has to jump to 79-80% for 35% investment rate'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The capacity utilisation of Indian factories needs to rise to 79-80% and stay at the level for at least three quarters to encourage the private sector to ramp up investment ratio in the economy, as per an analysis.

India's capacity utilisation – a measure of how intensively factories in India are being used – stood at 75.8% as of the April-June 2025 quarter, as per Reserve Bank of India data.

GFCF since 2010

The analysis, conducted by the economics research wing of the Bank of Baroda, looked at India's capacity utilisation rates and compared them with the level of gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) in the economy since 2010.

The idea is the more intensively companies use existing facilities, the more likely they are to invest in additional capacity. "It can be said capacity utilisation rates need to be maintained in the range of 79-80% for three successive quarters to reach a GFCF rate of 34-35%," the researchers pointed out.

The Bank of Baroda researchers pointed out without higher capacity utilisation rate, manufacturing in India would not be able to grow fast enough and so dependence on construction activity to boost GFCF would rise.

DRL's weight-loss drug Semaglutide rollout in Canada suffers a setback

N. Ravi Kumar
HYDERABAD

Setback comes when it is betting on new launches to offset dip in U.S. revenue via Revlimid generic

Generic drugmaker Dr. Reddy's Laboratories' (DRL) plans to rollout weight-loss drug Semaglutide in injectable form in Canada is likely to take more time than expected, with Pharmaceutical Drugs Directorate, Canada, issuing a notice of non-compliance (NON) on the abbreviated new drug submission (ANDS).

DRL shares ended the day 4.03% lower at ₹1,202.15 each on the BSE on Thursday after the setback, which comes at a time when the firm is betting big on new launches to offset dip in U.S. revenue from cancer drug Revlimid generic Lenalidomide.

To file response

"The NON outlines requests for additional information and clarifications on specific aspects of the submission. We will submit a response well within the stipulated time period," DRL said in a filing. It is committed to making the therapy available to patients in Canada and other markets at the earliest, DRL said.

In India, a subject expert panel of CDSCO has recommended the approval of Semaglutide injection, a leadership team of DRL announced during interactions with the media and investors following September quarter results recently. While the Drugs Controller General of India nod is the next step, the roll out has to wait till patent expiry in March 2026.

The outcome of a patent infringement lawsuit filed by Novo Nordisk will be crucial for DRL's roll out of the generic version.

"Based on an analysis of past NONs, in best case, we expect a six-month delay in launch. If DRL responds by December, we anticipate an approval by end of Q1FY27, in the best case scenario," said Emkay Research analysts.

RIL, Google to offer Jio users free Gemini AI for 18 months

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Reliance Industries (RIL) and Google will offer Google AI Pro plan to Reliance Jio's wireless subscribers.

The move comes days after OpenAI said it would provide ChatGPT Go plans to India-based users for free for a year. Jio users will get the Google AI Pro plan, comprising newer models of Gemini large language model, related AI tools for images and learning and 2 terabytes of cloud storage free for 18 months.

The sop is a consumer-facing part of a broader pact being signed between RIL and Google, through Reliance Intelligence, a subsidiary the conglomerate set up in September to build a large data centre infrastructure in Gujarat and lure global AI talent to India. It is unclear if Reliance paid Google for this giveaway; a spokesperson for the tech firm did not respond to queries by *The Hindu*. Users aged 18-25 are eligible, with a wider roll-out planned 'soon,' the companies said.

Jio users will get the Google AI Pro plan free for 18 months.

Enterprise deal

The enterprise side of the tie-up involves a deal with Google Cloud "to broaden access to its advanced AI hardware accelerators, Tensor Processing Units (TPUs)," distributing Google Cloud's enterprise products to Indian firms.

Gemini's enterprise product will also have Reliance as a 'strategic go-to-market partner' to sell subscriptions to companies.

NTPC net flat at ₹4,654 cr. in Q2, to pay ₹2.75 dividend

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Energy producer NTPC's net profit in the September-ended quarter was almost flat on a year-over-year basis amid lower power generation and a slight rise in operating margins.

Standalone profit rose 0.1% to ₹4,654 crore. Gross and commercial generation slid about 5.3% each during the period. Operating margin rose marginally by 8 basis points to 21.15%.

Standalone revenue slid 1.35% to ₹40,689.36 crore. It announced a dividend of ₹2.75 per equity share.

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WASHINGTON

U.S. caps refugee intake at 7,500, prioritises white South Africans

AP

The Trump administration is restricting the number of refugees it admits into the country to 7,500 and they will mostly be white South Africans, a dramatic drop after the U.S. previously allowed in hundreds of thousands of people fleeing war and persecution from around the world. AP

ANKARA

'Pak.-Afghanistan talks will resume in Turkiye after dialogue deadlock'

AP

Pakistan and Afghanistan are expected to resume peace talks in Istanbul to revive a dialogue that collapsed earlier this week, Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif and state media in both countries said on Thursday. The new round of negotiations is facilitated by Turkiye and other friendly nations. AP

NAIROBI

Curfew imposed as unrest spreads after Tanzania's disputed election

AP

Hundreds of protesters took to the streets for a second day of demonstrations in Tanzania on Thursday after a disputed election, while Amnesty International reported that two people have died. The government shut down the internet, imposed a curfew and deployed the military to the streets. AP

KATHMANDU

Nepal PM holds first talks since protests with parties and 'Gen Z'

AFP

Nepal's interim leader Sushila Karki on Thursday held the first talks between political parties and youth representatives since last month's deadly protests that toppled the previous government. "We have succeeded in creating an environment of cooperation by ending the state of lack of dialogue," Ms. Karki said. AFP

Trump, Xi seek trade war truce, ease fight over tariffs, rare earths

U.S. President said he would cut the fentanyl tariffs from 20% to 10%, and that China would buy 'tremendous amounts of soybeans', and ease export restrictions on rare earth minerals; Xi Jinping said the two reached an 'important consensus'

Agence France-Presse
BUSAN

U.S. President Donald Trump with Chinese President Xi Jinping and others during a bilateral meeting in Busan on Thursday. REUTERS

Donald Trump and Xi Jinping agreed on Thursday to calm the trade war between China and the U.S. that has roiled global markets, with Washington cutting some tariffs and Beijing committing to keep supplies of critical rare earths flowing.

Mr. Trump called his first meeting with Xi in six years a "great success", while the Chinese leader said the two reached an "important consensus" towards solving the fight between the world's two top economies.

"I thought it was an amazing meeting," Mr. Trump said after the talks in Busan, South Korea, praising Mr. Xi as a "tremendous leader of a very powerful country" and saying he would visit China in April. Mr. Trump added that the deal included China immediately buying "tremendous amounts of soybeans and other farm products".

The U.S. leader said the talks yielded an extendable one-year deal on China's supply of crucial rare earths, materials that are essential for sophisticated electronic components across a range of industries.

Easing curbs

Beijing's Commerce Ministry also confirmed it would suspend for one year certain export restrictions, including on rare earth materials, a sector where China is hugely dominant. "All the rare earths has been settled, and that's for the world," Mr. Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One. Mr. Xi said a "consensus" had been reached and urged "follow-up work as soon as possible".

Mr. Trump added that the Chinese leader had also agreed to "work very hard to stop the flow" of deadly opioid fentanyl, a trade in which Washington has accused Beijing of being complicit.

"I put a 20% tariff on China because of the fentanyl coming in... and based on his statements today I am going to reduce that by 10%," Mr. Trump said.

And in social media post after leaving South Korea, Mr. Trump declared "Our Farmers will be very happy!" with the outcomes of the talks.

He went on to say in the post that Beijing would "begin the process of purchasing American Energy", potentially involving oil and gas from Alaska. Officials from the United States and China would meet to hash out that "energy deal", he added.

Israel hits Gaza again after claiming ceasefire is back

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY

Broken deal: Smoke billowing during an Israeli strike on the besieged Palestinian territory on Thursday. AFP

Israel said it struck an arms dump in Gaza on Wednesday, hours after the deadliest night of bombing since the start of a U.S.-brokered truce, warning it would continue to operate to take out perceived threats.

The military announced it had carried out a precision strike on a site in the Beit Lahia area of northern Gaza where it said weapons were being stockpiled for "an imminent terror attack".

Israeli troops, it said, would remain deployed in "accordance with the ceasefire agreement and will continue to operate to remove any immediate threat".

Hamas-run Gaza's civil defence agency said that one Palestinian was killed in the latest strike – and that 104 – including 46 children and 24 women – had died in the previous night's bombardment.

The Israeli military launched a wave of bombing after one of its soldiers was killed in Gaza on Tuesday. By mid-morning on Wednesday it said it had begun "renewed enforcement of the ceasefire".

Both U.S. President Donald Trump and regional mediator Qatar said they expected the ceasefire to hold, but inside Gaza displaced families were losing hope.

United Nations rights chief Volker Turk said the report of so many dead was appalling and urged all sides not to let peace "slip from our grasp", echoing calls from Britain, Germany and the European Union for the parties to recommit to the ceasefire.

Dissanayake launches nation-wide drive to end Sri Lanka's drug menace

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Anura Kumara Dissanayake

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Thursday launched an island-wide programme aimed at ending the country's enduring drug problem that, he said, some in the police force are part of.

Speaking at an event to mark the launch of the initiative, titled 'United as a Nation – National Drive', the leftist leader, whose government came to power a year ago, warned police officers reportedly involved in narcotics networks of tough action. "Leave immediately! Otherwise, we will remove you," Mr. Dissanayake said, adding that the prevalent opinion that the drug menace could be resolved if the police department is cleansed "is true".

Located along a crucial shipping route, Sri Lanka has been grappling with the entry of narcotics substances over many years. While the island was earlier used mostly as a transit hub by international pedlars, the problem of trafficking and drug use within the island has grown significantly over the last few years, according to officials. Youth, in particular, have been affected.

Mass arrests

According to data published by the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board, Sri Lanka police made 228,450 drug-related arrests last year, including through a controversial operation launched by the last government, where thousands were arrested amid concerns of rights violations.

This year, nearly 200,000 individuals have been arrested, according to police records, for alleged possession of narcotic substances, including heroin, cocaine, 'Ice' or methamphetamine and cannabis.

On October 26, an Indian national was apprehended at the Bandaranaike International Airport in Colombo with a stash of heroin, weighing nearly 3 kg and worth millions, concealed in his luggage. He was travelling from Malaysia, police said.

"Much of the drugs entering Sri Lanka come from Pakistan and Afghanistan," a senior official told *The Hindu*, requesting anonymity, citing sensitivity of the government's new initiative. "Some types come from Europe and India as well. We now have the support of the international community to target these networks both in land and sea in our respective territories," he said.

Not just the police, but Sri Lanka's military has also been accused of being complicit in narcotics networks. In a recent parliamentary address, Tamil National People's Front (TNPF) leader and Jaffna District MP Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam said members of the military played "a central role" in drug peddling and use across Tamil-majority districts in the island's north and east, "deliberately fostering" drug addiction among Tamil youth.

Drug use took root in Jaffna after it came under military occupation in 1995, and worsened after 2009, when the civil war ended, the legislator said, contending that the use of drugs was "non-existent" when the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) controlled the areas. "It is affecting our society like a cancer," he said.

Resume testing U.S. nuclear weapons immediately, Trump orders Pentagon

Reuters
BUSAN

Donald Trump

U.S. President Donald Trump ordered the U.S. military on Thursday to immediately resume testing nuclear weapons after a gap of 33 years, minutes before beginning a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Mr. Trump made the surprise announcement on Truth Social while he was aboard his Marine One helicopter flying to meet Mr. Xi for a trade negotiating session in Busan, South Korea. He said he was instructing the Pentagon to test the U.S. nuclear arsenal on an "equal basis" with other nuclear powers.

"Because of other countries testing programs, I have instructed the Department of War to start testing our Nuclear Weapons on an equal basis. That process will begin immediately," Mr. Trump posted. "Russia is second, and China is a distant third, but will be even within 5 years."

A senior Russian lawmaker said Mr. Trump's decision would herald a new era of unpredictability and open confrontation, state news agency RIA reported.

China's Foreign Ministry called for the U.S. to abide by its commitment to a moratorium on nuclear testing and uphold the global strategic balance and stability.

On his way back to Washington, Mr. Trump said testing was needed to ensure the U.S. keeps up with its rival nuclear powers.

Swift reactions

The reaction to Trump's announcement on testing was swift. Representative Dina Titus, a Democrat from Nevada, said on X: "I'll be introducing legislation to put a stop to this."

Daryl Kimball, director of the Arms Control Association, said it would take the United States at least 36 months to resume contained nuclear tests underground at the former test site in Nevada. "Trump is misinformed and out of touch," Kimball said on X.

Russia blasts Ukraine's power grid

Associated Press
KYIV

Russia on Thursday launched massive drone and missile attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure, causing power outages across all regions of the country and killing two people.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Yuliia Svyrydenko describing Moscow's tactic as "systematic energy terror."

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LIKE A DREAM

'It wasn't about my 50 or 100... it was about making India win'

EMMANUAL YOGINI

It feels like a dream and it still hasn't sunk in. I did not know I was batting at No. 3 and just told them to let me know. Five minutes before we entered the field, I was informed that I was batting at No. 3. Today was not about my 50 or 100... it was about making India win — Jemimah Rodrigues.

CAPTAINSPEAK

'We trust that any player can win any match from any situation'

EMMANUAL YOGINI

I am feeling great as we crossed the finish line, something that we have been looking to do for so many years. We fully trust that any player can win any match from any situation. We made a few mistakes but have been learning from them. Playing in a World Cup at home is special. — Harmanpreet Kaur, India skipper.

BELOW PAR

If you do not turn up, anyone is going to get you: skipper Healy

EMMANUAL YOGINI

We did not finish with the bat well, did not bowl that great, dropped chances in the field and were ultimately outdone. India played really well, held their nerve and got themselves across the line. The semifinal is a knockout game and if you do not turn up, anyone is going to get you — Alyssa Healy, Australia captain.

MAKING HISTORY

Litchfield is youngest and fastest to score a century in WC knockout tie

EMMANUAL YOGINI

Australian opener Phoebe Litchfield became the youngest to score a century in a Women's ODI World Cup knockout match. The left-hander, aged 22 years and 195 days, smashed 119 off 93 balls against India on Thursday. She also registered the fastest hundred in a knockout tie in the event, reaching the landmark off 77 balls.

Jemimah's gem helps India knock out Australia

The No. 3 adds 167 for the third wicket with captain Harmanpreet; the Women in Blue pull off the highest successful chase in the 50-over format and will meet South Africa in the final

ODI WORLD CUP

Amol Karhadkar
NAVI MUMBAI

A belter of a track. Close to 680 runs scored in a single day. Two magnificent centuries. And a record crowd at the D.Y. Patil Stadium witnessed a dream come true as India stunned defending champion Australia to storm into the Women's ODI World Cup final on Thursday.

India had never successfully chased more than 265 in ODIs. No team had ever chased down 339 in the 50-over format. But, thanks to Jemimah Rodrigues' masterclass (127 n.o., 134b, 14x4) India pulled off the impossible – winning by five wickets with nine balls to spare – to book a title clash with South Africa at the same venue on Sunday.

Jemimah's 167-run partnership with captain Harmanpreet Kaur (89, 88b, 10x4, 2x6) first steadied the innings, then kept the home side in the hunt, and finally turned the tide.

Jemimah was in imperious touch – gliding cuts, elegant cover drives, delicate ramps and running quickly between the wickets – all in a sublime blend of grace and grit.

While Jemimah anchored, Harmanpreet played second fiddle early on before shifting gears once she crossed fifty. Her dismissal off a tired shot, caught by Ashleigh Gardner at deep mid-wicket, briefly tilted the game back in Australia's favour. But with 113 needed off 88, India's belief didn't waver.

Cameos from Deepti Sharma (24, 17b, 3x4) and Richa Ghosh (26, 16b, 2x4, 2x6), who cleared the ropes with effortless ease, ensured the run-rate never got beyond the host's reach.

When Amanjot Kaur's square-cut off Sophie Molineux raced to the boundary, Jemimah was engulfed by jubilant teammates – fittingly the moment of the night.

If India was sloppy in the field – conceding at least 20 extra runs and missing chances – Australia, too, crumbled under pressure. Skipper Alyssa Healy dropped Jemimah on 82, and Tahlia McGrath spilled another chance on 106, both proving fatal as the centurion guided India home.

Earlier, Phoebe Litchfield's classy 119, aided by Ellyse Perry's 77 and Gardner's 63, had powered Australia to 338. But India rewrote the record books to script a historic victory.

One for the ages: Jemimah showcased her range of strokes and combined with Harmanpreet to deliver in the big game. EMMANUAL YOGINI

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA

Alyssa Healy b Kranti 5 *(15b)*, Phoebe Litchfield b Amanjot 119 *(93b, 17x4, 3x6)*, Ellyse Perry b Radha 77 *(88b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Beth Mooney c Jemimah b Shree Charani 24 *(22b, 3x4)*, Annabel Sutherland c & b Shree Charani 3 *(6b)*, Ashleigh Gardner run out 63 *(45b, 4x4, 4x6)*, Tahlia McGrath run out 12 *(7b, 2x4)*, Kim Garth run out 17 *(17b)*, Alana King c Richa b Deepti 4 *(4b, 1x4)*, Sophie Molineux b Deepti 0 *(1b)*, Megan Schutt (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-2, w-11): 13; Total (in 49.5 overs): 338.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-25 (Healy, 5.1 overs), 2-180 (Litchfield, 27.2), 3-220 (Mooney, 33.6), 4-228 (Sutherland, 35.5), 5-243 (Perry, 39.2), 6-265 (McGrath, 41.4), 7-331 (Gardner, 48.3), 8-336 (King, 49.2), 9-336 (Molineux, 49.3).

INDIA BOWLING

Renuka 8-0-39-0, Kranti 6-0-58-1, Shree Charani 10-0-49-2, Deepti 9.5-0-73-2, Amanjot 8-0-51-1, Radha 8-0-66-1.

INDIA

Shafali Verma lbw b Garth 10 *(5b, 2x4)*, Smriti Mandhana c Healy b Garth 24 *(24b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Jemimah Rodrigues (not out) 127 *(134b, 14x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur c Gardner b Sutherland 89 *(88b, 10x4, 2x6)*, Deepti Sharma run out 24 *(17b, 3x4)*, Richa Ghosh c Garth b Sutherland 26 *(16b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Amanjot Kaur (not out) 15 *(8b, 2x4)*; Extras (b-4, lb-6, nb-1, w-15): 26; Total (for five wkts. in 48.3 overs): 341.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-13 (Shafali, 1.3), 2-59 (Smriti, 9.2), 3-226 (Harmanpreet, 35.2), 4-264 (Deepti, 40.5), 5-310 (Richa, 45.6).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING

Schutt 6-0-40-0, Garth 7-0-46-2, Gardner 8-0-55-0, Molineux 6.3-0-44-0, Sutherland 10-0-69-2, King 9-0-58-0, McGrath 2-0-19-0.

Toss: Australia; **PoM:** Jemimah. *India won by five wickets with nine deliveries to spare.*

The Final: Nov. 2, India vs. South Africa, Navi Mumbai, 3 p.m.

India ready for Australian challenge at the MCG

INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

Press Trust of India
MELBOURNE

Formidable India has its tails up as it heads to the MCG for the second T20I against Australia here on Friday, thanks to the influx of young talent and the return to form of skipper Suryakumar Yadav.

Entering the opener of the five-match series under scrutiny, Suryakumar, however, roared back to form with a 24-ball unbeaten 39.

However, rain had the last word in Canberra as the match was abandoned-with India strongly placed at 97 for one after 9.4 overs.

Big plus: The return to form of Suryakumar would have gladdened the Indian team management. ANI

The teams (from): Australia: Mitchell Marsh (Capt.), Sean Abbott, Xavier Bartlett, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Matthew Kuhnemann, Mitchell Owen, Josh Philippe, Tanveer Sangha, Matthew Short, Marcus Stoinis.

India: Suryakumar Yadav (Capt.), Abhishek Sharma, Shubman Gill (Vice-capt.), Tilak Varma, Nitish Kumar, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Varun Chakaravarthy, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Sanju Samson (wk), Rinku Singh, Washington Sundar.

Match starts at 1.45 p.m. IST.

Teenaged Aussie cricketer dies after being hit by ball

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

A promising 17-year-old Australian cricketer died on Thursday after being struck by a ball, with his family saying they were "utterly devastated".

Ben Austin was in the nets with a helmet on before a Twenty20 game in Melbourne on Tuesday when he was hit in the neck while facing a ball-throwing device.

He was rushed to hospital in critical condition.

"We are utterly devastated by the passing of our beautiful Ben, who died earlier on Thursday morning," his father Jace Austin said in a statement.

"This tragedy has taken Ben from us, but we find some comfort that he was doing something he did for so many summers – going down to the nets with mates to play cricket."

Austin. X@CRICKETCOMAU

The teenager was not wearing a stem guard, which protects the neck, said ABC News.

Austin was an emerging bowler and batter, considered by his Ferntree Gully Cricket Club as a "star cricketer, great leader and an awesome young man".

Players from both teams wore black arm bands for the Women's World Cup semifinal on Thursday between Australia and host India.

Indian challenge ends as Shrivalli, Sahaja bow out

CHENNAI OPEN

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Janice Tjen of Indonesia, seeded four, endured difficult weather conditions to outlast defending champion Linda Fruhvirtova of the Czech Republic 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals of WTA 250 Chennai Open at the SDAT-Nungambakkam Stadium here on Thursday.

The Indonesian's triumph was certainly a lesson in endurance and the art of fighting back against odds.

Indian's Sahaja Yamalapalli and Shrivalli Bhamidipaty, both wild card entrants, lost in contrasting fashions in the round of 16.

Sahaja went down tamely 6-2, 6-2 to Croatia's Donna Vekic, seeded third, while Shrivalli lost to seventh-seeded Kimberly Birrell of Australia 7-5, 7-6 (2) as the Indian challenge in singles ended.

The Vekic-Sahaja match was one-sided.

Shrivalli was fearless as she produced heart-tugging forehand winners. She broke the Aussie's serve in the eighth and 10th games to level it 5-5.

However, when it mattered most, she couldn't hold her serve in the 11th game while Kimberly held hers in the next game to close out the set. Shrivalli took the second set to a tie-breaker, which she lost eventually.

Marching on: Birrell held off a Shrivalli's challenge. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

The results (second round):

Singles: Janice Tjen (Ina) bt Linda Fruhvirtova (Cze) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; Donna Vekic (Cro) bt Sahaja Yamalapalli 6-2, 6-2.

Arina Rodionova (Aus) bt Storm Hunter (Aus) 1-6, 6-4, 7-6(9); Polina Oatcenko bt Katarzyna Kawa (Pol) 6-2, 6-3.

Kimberly Birrell (Aus) bt Shrivalli Bhamidipaty 7-5, 7-6(2).

INBRIEF

Teenager Ilamparthi becomes India's 90th Grandmaster

A.R. Ilamparthi on Thursday became India's 90th Grandmaster, securing his final GM norm at the Bijeljina tournament in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The 16-year-old Chennai-based player, who achieved his first GM norm at the Hanoi tournament in Vietnam in December 2023 and scored his second norm at the Singapore International Open in 2024, had crossed the 2500 Elo mark at the 2024-25 Rilton Cup.

Anahat's dream run at Canadian Open ends

Anahat Singh's impressive run at the Canadian Open squash came to an end with straight-game defeat to World No. 10 Gina Kennedy of England in the semifinals. The 17-year-old went down 5-11, 8-11, 10-12 in 30 minutes in the last-four stage of the $96,250 PSA Silver event on Wednesday.

Shah and Coventry discuss cricket's return to Olympics

ICC Chairman Jay Shah met IOC President Kirsty Coventry in Lausanne recently and discussed the road to the Los Angeles Games and cricket's return to the Olympic Games. They reflected on the progress made so far and the significant role the game can play in the growth of the Olympic movement.

Ayush, Kiran, Lakshya, and Rakshitha in quarterfinals

Ayush thrashed former World champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore 21-11, 21-11 and Kiran George knocked out World No. 13 Toma Junior Popov of France 18-21, 21-18, 21-19 to enter the quarterfinals of the $475,000 Hylo Open Super 500 badminton at Saarbrucken on Thursday. Earlier, Lakshya Sen and Rakshitha Ramesh also booked last eight berths with contrasting wins. Lakshya eased past Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian 21-14, 21-11, while Rakshitha beat Shriyanshi Valishetty 19-21, 21-8, 21-13.

Wednesday's results (first round): Men: Ayush Shetty bt Victor Lai 21-11, 4-21, 21-18; Jonatan Christie bt Tharun Mannepalli 21-11, 21-12. **Doubles:** Christo Popov & Toma Popov bt Pruthvi K. Roy & K. Sai Pratheek 21-15, 21-18. **Mixed doubles:** Rohan Kapoor & Ruthvika Gadde bt Jonathan Lai & Crystal Lai 21-18, 21-13.

Juve bounces back; Roma, Inter keep pace with Napoli

Juventus snapped an eight-match winless streak with Wednesday's 3-1 success over Udinese, as Roma and Inter Milan stayed on Serie A leader Napoli's tails. Roma beat Parma 2-1 while Inter defeated Fiorentina 3-0.

The results: Bologna 0 drew with Torino 0; Como 3 (Douvikas 9, Posch 62, Vojvoda 90+2) bt Verona 1 (Serdar 25); Genoa 0 lost to Cremonese 2 (Bonazzoli 4, 49); Inter Milan 3 (Calhanoglu 66, 88-pen, Sucic 71) bt Fiorentina 0; Roma 2 (Hermoso 63, Dovbyk 81) bt Parma 1 (Circati 86); Juventus 3 (Vlahovic 5-pen, Gatti 67, Yildiz 90+6-pen) bt Udinese 1 (Zaniolo 45+1).

Dalwinder suspended for using prohibited substance

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) on Thursday suspended 2017 national champion Dalwinder Singh for two years for using prohibited substance morphine.The period of ineligibility will end on October 21, 2027.

LIVE TELECAST

Australia vs India: 2nd T20I, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 1.45 p.m.
Tennis: WTA Chennai Open, Eurosport, 3 p.m.
Chess: World Cup, FIDE *YouTube* channel, 3 p.m.
Zimbabwe vs Afghanistan: 2nd T20I, FanCode, 5 p.m.
Bangladesh vs West Indies: 3rd T20I, FanCode, 5.30 p.m.
Tennis: Paris Masters, Sony Sports Ten 5 & LIV, 6.30 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.

Timber!!!: Subrayen has no answer to a delivery from Kotian. K. MURALI KUMAR

Kotian's four-wicket haul restricts South Africa-A

The off-spinner pulls things back for the host after Jordan Hermann, Hamza and Rubin Hermann hit half-centuries; Suthar claims two; the visiting side ends the opening day at 299 for nine

INDIA-A VS SA-A

Tarun Shastry
BENGALURU

A tinge of grass on the surface and a steady lateral breeze provided ideal bowling conditions, and India-A captain Rishabh Pant's decision to bowl first was vindicated as South Africa-A ended the opening day at 299 for nine in the first multi-day match at the BCCI Centre of Excellence Grounds here on Thursday.

Pant's move paid off early when pacer Anshul Kamboj struck in the fourth over, drawing opener Lesego Senokwane into a drive outside off-stump and inducing an edge to first slip.

The other opener, Jordan Hermann and Zubayr Hamza, then steadied the innings with a disciplined partnership.

Jordan looked fluent, pulling a short ball crisply to the square-leg boundary, while Hamza opened his account with a thick edge past third-man.

Hamza grew in confidence, driving elegantly through the covers, executing deft late cuts and reverse sweeps, and running hard between the wickets to bring up a half-century.

The visiting team went to lunch, strongly placed at 108 for one.

After the break, medium-pacer Gurnoor Brar surprised Hamza with a sharp, rising delivery that brushed the edge on its way to Pant – a marginal decision that ended a solid 132-run second-wicket stand.

Skipper Marques Ackerman joined Jordan, and the pair kept the scoreboard moving before off-spinner Tanush Kotian turned things around.

Kotian removed Ackerman to a sharp catch at short mid-wicket and trapped Jordan (71, 140b, 8x4) in front just before tea.

Post-interval, Rivaldo Moonsamy fell cheaply to Manav Suthar, reducing the visitors to 197 for five. Tiaan van Vuuren counter-attacked, adding 72 runs for the sixth wicket with Rubin Hermann, before Kotian struck twice – castling both Rubin and Prenelan Subrayen – to bag his fourth.

With wickets tumbling, Van Vuuren's attempted hoick resulted in a top-edge to short fine-leg, and left-arm seamer Khaleel Ahmed struck late, trapping Lutho Sipamla plumb in front as India-A ended the day in front.

The scores:
South Africa-A 299/9 in 85.2 overs (Jordan Hermann 71, Zubayr Hamza 66, Rubin Hermann 54, Tanush Kotian 4/83) vs India-A.
Toss: India-A.

Kotian credits his good performance to domestic experience

Turning it around: Kotian struck four times to bring his side back into the contest. K. MURALI KUMAR

Tarun Shastry
BENGALURU

There was a light-hearted moment during the afternoon session on day one of the India A-South Africa-A opening 'Test' at the BCCI Centre of Excellence Grounds. Skipper Rishabh Pant encouraged off-spinner Tanush Kotian to keep tossing the ball, telling him not to worry about getting hit as long as he bowled tight lines.

Kotian responded, striking four times to bring his side back into the contest.

Speaking to the media after the day's play, Kotian credited his domestic experience for helping him find rhythm and confidence.

"In the morning, there wasn't much help, but after lunch, we came up with a plan to bowl tighter lines around the stumps. That worked – we got nine wickets by the end of the day," he said.

Mumbai factor

Kotian highlighted how bowling in the Mumbai Ranji set-up has sharpened his skills.

"In our team, there are some of the best batsmen against spin. Bowling to them really helps – they guide us on what troubles them and discuss tactics and field placements. Having senior players like Ajinkya Rahane and Shardul Thakur makes a big difference," he added.

"When I get a good seam position, it helps me extract bounce and turn. Maintaining consistency and building pressure with dot balls gives me confidence that I'm contributing, even if I'm not taking wickets," said the 27-year-old.

Indian boxers' medal rush continues at Youth Asiad

Striking it rich: Chandrika, Kushi and Ahaana were the stars as India completed a golden hat-trick. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Press Trust of India
BAHRAIN

Indian boxers continued their impressive show at the Youth Asian Games, clinching three gold and one silver medal, here on Thursday.

Khushi Chand (46kg) opened India's medals tally with a 4-1 victory over China's Luo Jinxiu, Ahaana Sharma (50kg) forced a Referee Stopped Contest (RSC) in Round One against North Korea's Ma Jong Hyang, and Chandrika Bhoreshi Pujari (54kg) completed the golden hat-trick by dominating Uzbekistan's Muhammadova Kumriniso with a 5-0 decision.

In the boys' category, Lanchenba Lanchenba Singh Moibungkhongbam (50kg) narrowly lost his bout against Nurmakhan Zhumagali of Kazakhstan.

Dabang Delhi to lock horns with Puneri Paltan in PKL title clash

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Dabang Delhi K.C. and Puneri Paltan, the two standout teams in the 12th season of the Pro Kabaddi League, will lock horns in the final at the Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium on Friday.

When they met in Qualifier 1 on Monday, Dabang Delhi, champion of the eighth edition, edged past Paltan 6-4 in a tiebreaker after the scores were locked 34-34 in regulation time.

Led by Ashu Malik, the team from the national capital has shown grit in crunch moments.

Paltan, however, bounced back in style, winning Qualifier 2 against Telugu Titans to seal its third appearance in the final in four seasons. Under Aslam Inamdar's leadership, Paltan has a very balanced squad at its disposal.

The big prize: Delhi skipper Ashu and his Pune counterpart Inamdar will be eyeing glory. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

All three duels between these teams this season have required a tie-breaker. It suggests that another close contest is on the cards.

Dabang Delhi head coach Joginder Narwal said his team's entry to the final is a result of belief and togetherness. "I'm extremely proud of this group - we've grown together. From the young players to the senior ones, everyone has stepped up.

"The way they've fought through challenges and stayed united makes me believe this team deserves every bit of success it gets," Narwal said.

Obieta's strike does it for Blasters, BFC eases past Mohammedan Sporting

SUPER CUP

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
BAMBOLIM

Koldo Obieta scored a late winner as Kerala Blasters (KBFC) started its AIFF Super Cup campaign on a high with a 1-0 win over a 10-man Rajasthan United FC in their Group D match at the GMC Stadium here on Thursday.

KBFC tried to find an opening through set pieces and almost got one in the 22nd minute when Danish Farooq headed Adrian Luna's corner kick against the outside of the woodwork.

Eight minutes later, from another corner, Muhammed Saheef's header was cleared by Gursimrat Singh Gill just in front of Rajasthan's goal-line.

But after the restart, another Gursimrat intervention proved costly.

The defender pulled down Nihal Sudheesh, who was running through on goal after a pass from Obieta, earning a straight red card.

As the clock ticked past the 80th minute mark, Rajathan looked to see the match out with a point.

Job well done: Obieta celebrates after scoring for Blasters. THE-AIFF.COM

Just then, the combination of Juan Rodriguez and Obieta found the breakthrough. The defender set up Obieta, who headed the ball past a diving Bhabindra Malla, scoring his first goal for the club.

The win took Blasters to second in Group D, with Mumbai City FC, level on points with KBFC, topping the table on goal difference. KBFC plays bottom-placed Sporting Club Delhi next, while Rajasthan locks horns with the Islanders, with both matches on November 3.

Later, youth – Taorem Kelvin Singh (19) and experience – Sunil Chhetri (41) – both bore fruit for Bengaluru FC as it beat Mohammedan Sporting 2-0 in their Group C match at the PJN Stadium in Margao.

Kelvin steered Braian Sanchez's pass into the net with a right-footed curler while Chhetri converted from the spot after he was brought down by Pukrambam Meitei in the 85th minute.

The results:
Rajasthan United 0 lost to Kerala Blasters 1 (Obieta 87), Bengaluru FC 2 (Kelvin 34, Chhetri 86) bt Mohammedan Sporting 0.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Chowdhari wins 120cm category in Equestrian Premier League

Shubh Chowdhari, astride Foggy Bottom, won the 120cm category in the Equestrian Premier League (EPL)-October 2025 here.

The results (winners):
125-130cm: Hansikaa (Couleur, Equitan).
120cm: Shubh Chowdhari (Foggy Bottom, FSS).
110-115cm: Shourya Manoj (Ireland, MGDPRA).
105-110cm: Junior & open: Shourya (Ireland).
90-100cm: Sub-junior & open: Eshaan Sundaram (Azlan, EIRS),
80-90cm: Sub-junior: Eshaan (Klaver, EIRS).
80-90cm: Open: Ram Reddy Botta (Teazy, FSS).
60-70cm: children below 14: Arjun (Freya, ED).
60-70cm: Open: Preetam Ratra (Pasquino, ARC).
EPL preliminary dressage:
Sub-junior: Shushrutha (Xi, EIRS).
Open: Anika Krauss (Star Proof, CEC).
Sub-junior dressage: Eshaan (Abra Ka Dabra, EIRS);
EPL sub-junior dressage:
Open: Anika (Star Proof).
EPL junior dressage: Shubh Chowdari (Lady Ann, CEC).
EPL senior dressage: Open: Isabelel Hasleder (Dark Delight, CEC).

Big win for Kodagu against ASC & Centre in KSFA Super Division

Kodagu FC took out ASC & Centre FC 4-1 in the KSFA Super Division football league here on Thursday. In other matches, FC Bengaluru United beat South United FC and Rebels FC got the better of HAL FC.

The results:
Rebels FC 2 (Vivek Singh 13, R. Lingu 46) bt HAL FC 1 (Arshad 63).
FC Bengaluru United 2 (K. Lijo 24, Linky Meitei 83) bt South United FC 0.
Kodagu FC 4 (Tagru James 16, 90, M. Arunlal 54, Muhammed Unais 62) bt ASC & Centre FC 1 (Singh Sambyal 84).

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- Daredevil riders' performance
- School band presentation
- AIR show by the Indian Air Force
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- Celebration of Ekta Light Festival
- State exhibitions from 1st to 15th November under Bharat Parv

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-Narendra Modi

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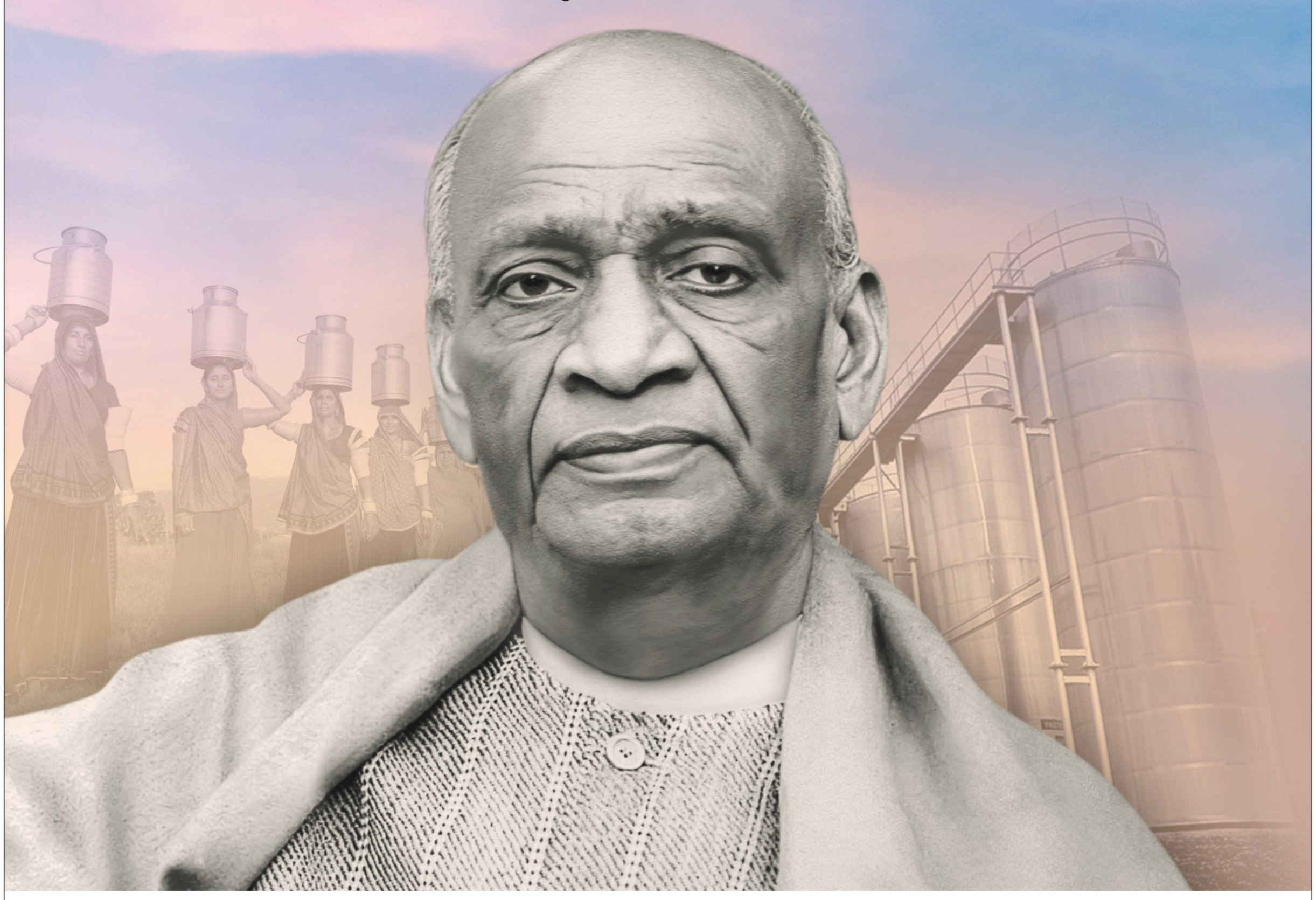

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